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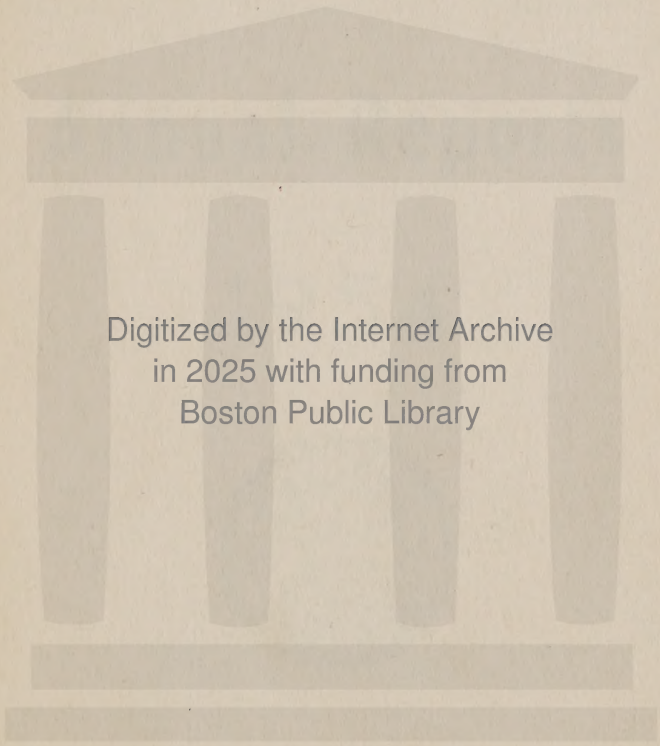
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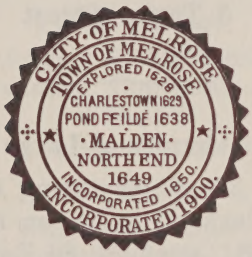

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GOVERNMENT OF THE CITY OF MELROSE

Mayor

LAWRENCE W. LLOYD

169 Laurel Street

President of the Board of Aldermen

RONALD H. WINDE

52 Wentworth Road

City Clerk

RAYMOND H. GREENLAW

5 Taylor Street

Aldermen-at-Large

Walter W. Bruce, 260 W. Wyoming Avenue
Robert S. Clark, 45 Whitman Avenue
Allen B. Copeland, 69 East Street
Ronald H. Winde, 52 Wentworth Road

Ward Aldermen

1. Frank T. Johanson, 96 Perkins Street
2. J. Henry Otis, 37 Lovell Road
3. Burt A. Macy, 50 Youle Street
4. Raymond E. Campbell, 75 Sheffield Road
5. Richard H. McIntosh, 86 Derby Road
6. John A. Lavender, Jr., 45 E. Foster Street
7. Philip L. Wadland, 97 Whitman Avenue

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STANDING COMMITTEES
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BOARD OF ALDERMEN
1954

Appropriations

Alderman Raymond E. Campbell, Chairman
Aldermen Allen B. Copeland and
Burt A. Macy, Vice Chairmen
Aldermen Bruce, Lavender, Clark, McIntosh
Otis, Wadland and Johanson

Protection and License

Alderman John A. Lavender, Jr., Chairman
Aldermen Copeland, McIntosh, Wadland and
Johanson

Education, Health and Public Welfare

Alderman Frank T. Johanson, Chairman
Aldermen Wadland, Lavender, Copeland and
McIntosh

Public Service

Alderman Richard H. McIntosh, Chairman
Aldermen Lavender, Copeland, Johanson and
Wadland

Highways

Alderman Walter W. Bruce, Chairman
Aldermen Campbell, Clark, Macy and Otis

Finance

Alderman J. Henry Otis, Chairman
Aldermen Bruce, Clark, Macy and Campbell

Legal and Legislative Matters

Alderman Robert S. Clark, Chairman
Aldermen Macy, Otis, Campbell and Bruce

Clerk of Committees

Stanley G. Bunker 275 Upham Street

CITY OFFICERS AND OFFICE HOURS

Acting under the authority of Section one hundred and ten A of Chapter forty-one of the General Laws, inserted therein by Chapter two hundred and sixty-five of the Acts of nineteen hundred and forty-seven, the offices hereinafter named shall be open to the public for the transaction of business from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. daily, except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays:

The offices of the city clerk, city collector, engineer and superintendent of public works, board of assessors, board of health, board of public welfare, city treasurer, city auditor, building commissioner and veterans' services.

Except during the months of July and August and on legal holidays, the aforesaid offices shall be open on the first and third Mondays of every month from 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. and on all other Monday evenings from 7 P.M. to 8 P.M. (Revised Ordinances, Chapter 2, Section 56, as amended).

CITY OFFICERS

BOARD OF APPEAL

Melvin R. Jenney, Chairman	Term expires 1957
Harry Brettell	Term expires 1956
S. Francis Kimberley	Term expires 1956
W. Jarvis Lowe	Term expires 1957
E. Franklin Reed	Term expires 1959

Edwin H. King, Clerk

ASSESSORS

Lewis C. Hennigar, Chairman	Term expires 1955
Norman D. MacDonald	Term expires 1957
Henry L. Restall	Term expires 1956

Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Executive Secretary and Director of Assessments

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Commissioner

Malcolm G. Fillmore

Plumbing and Gas Inspector

Everett G. Dow

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

William J. McClintock, Chairman
Joseph Casey — Arthur D. King
Howard O. Milton, Superintendent

CITY AUDITOR

Arthur M. Goddard

CITY CLERK DEPARTMENT

City Clerk
Raymond H. Greenlaw

Assistant City Clerk
E. Maude Brown

CITY PHYSICIAN

Vacant

CITY SOLICITOR

A. Van Allen Thomason

CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

S. Homer Buttrick

CIVIL DEFENSE DEPARTMENT

Lawrence E. Lovejoy, Director

CONSTABLES

Robert A. Lloyd — Wesley H. Murray
George D. MacWilliams — Guy A. Storer

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

Arthur M. Goddard, Chairman	Statutory
Martin J. Armstrong	Term expires 1956
Robert L. Hutchinson	Term expires 1955

DOG OFFICER

Dr. Ernest W. Rivers

ENGINEER AND SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Glen S. Weeks

FENCE VIEWERS

Clyde O. Bailey — Arthur L. Marr

Robert R. Wilson

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief

Sidney C. Field

Deputy Chief

Office Vacant

Fire Warden

Sidney C. Field

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Board of Health

Dr. Oakley R. Jones, Chairman — Term expires 1957
Edward L. Kelly (died Dec. 14, 1954)
Paul E. Troy — Term expires 1956

Helen F. Adams, Agent

Sanitary Inspector

John J. Devine

School Physicians

Dr. John S. Graf
Dr. Thomas M. Hearne
Dr. Francis D. McCarthy
(on military leave)
Dr. George R. Murphy

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS AND SLAUGHTERING

Cornelius Thibeault, D. V. S.

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Fred A. Edwards

MAYOR'S SECRETARY

Blanche E. Nickerson

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL BUILDING

Dr. Harold L. Margeson, Chairman — Term expires 1956
Robert T. Boynton — Term expires 1955
Leslie B. Ellis — Term expires 1957
Orlando W. Foss — Term expires 1957
Louis K. McNally — Term expires 1955

Blanche E. Nickerson, Secretary

PARK COMMISSION

Harold W. Poole, Chairman	Term expires 1956
John T. Brady	Term expires 1955
Edgar A. Perry	Term expires 1957
Kenneth G. Swindell	Term expires 1959
Benjamin R. Vaughan	Term expires 1958

Francis J. Meehan, Superintendent

PERSONNEL BOARD

Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman	Term expires 1956
William B. Alexander	Term expires 1957
LeRoy Batemen	Term expires 1955
Horace H. Feltham	Term expires 1957
Harold F. Watts	Term expires 1956

TRUSTEES OF PINE BANKS PARK

Parker Converse, President
Elbridge G. Davis, Vice-President
Charles H. Gilmore, Secretary
Robert A. Hodgdon, Treasurer
Fred Lamson (Mayor of Malden)
Lawrence W. Lloyd (Mayor of Melrose)
Eaton H. Perkins
George W. Cray, Superintendent

PLANNING BOARD

William L. Bailey, Chairman	Term expires 1958
Zilpha C. Huntress, Secretary	Term expires 1959
Philip E. Brown	Term expires 1955
Herbert R. Corey	Term expires 1957
Merion E. Hartzell	Term expires 1958
Edward M. Laskey	Term expires 1956
Edward F. Riley	Term expires 1955
Mary D. Whitney	Holdover
One vacancy	

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Captain-in-Charge
George D. MacWilliams

Lieutenant
Robert A. Lloyd

Keeper of the Lock-up
George D. MacWilliams

PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

S. Homer Buttrick, Chairman
Malcolm G. Fillmore, Clerk
Lewis C. Hennigar

TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

Edwin W. Lundquist, Chairman	Term expires 1956
William L. Carney	Term expires 1955
Herbert L. Hammond	Term expires 1957
Elisabeth M. Perkins	Term expires 1955
Elinor H. Tibbetts	Term expires 1956

Helen Anderson, Librarian

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Roy M. Cushman, Chairman	Term expires 1955
Vivian B. Adams	Term expires 1957
Gertrude M. Curtin	Term expires 1955
John W. Huse	Term expires 1956
William J. Neely	Term expires 1957

Mary J. Melville, Agent

RECREATION COMMISSION

John T. Brady, Chairman	Term expires 1956
J. Arthur Johnson	Term expires 1956
Lewis H. Keith	Term expires 1956
John M. Kirk	Term expires 1955
Margaret B. Restall	Term expires 1955
Edward F. Riley	Holdover
Howard R. True	Term expires 1957

Charles V. Tousley, Director

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Board Members

Charles E. Holt, Chairman	Term expires 1957
Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk	Ex-officio
Fergus W. Griffin	Term expires 1955
Edward J. Murphy	Term expires 1956

Assistant Registrars of Voters

Helene K. Barrett	Mary A. McHatton
Katherine D. Boynton	Grace F. Mitchell
Helen D. Brackett	Frances M. O'Connell
John P. Brennan	Helen P. Sykes
Helena E. Dolaher	Augustine J. Twomey
Helen L. Duke	Gertrude E. White
Barbara H. Gove	Mary R. Winslow
George W. Jepson, Jr.	Mildred H. Wurzbacher

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Committee Members

Herbert N. Faulkner, Chairman	Term expires 1956
Donald A. Welch, Cor. Sec'y	Term expires 1958
Wilbur H. Burnham, Jr.	Term expires 1956
Lloyd E. Conn	Term expires 1956
Ralph W. Daffinee	Term expires 1956
Robert A. Friend	Term expires 1958
Allen L. Giles	Term expires 1956
Dorothy L. Grant	Term expires 1958
Howard R. True	Term expires 1958

Superintendent of Schools

Harold T. Rand

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

James J. Devlin (Acting)
Wesley H. Murray (on leave of absence)

VETERANS' SERVICES

Veteran's Agent

H. Leslie Trickey

Inspector of Veterans Graves

Henry F. Weiler

Advisory Board for Veterans' Services

Rev. Joseph F. Bonner (died Mar. 14, 1954)
Frank C. Gardner
William H. Gibbons
Richard H. McIntosh
Harold W. Poole
Louis J. Savarino

MAYOR LAWRENCE W. LLOYD

Inaugural Address of

MAYOR LAWRENCE W. LLOYD

Delivered January 4, 1954

You, the citizens of Melrose, have paid me one of the finest compliments I have ever received, that of extending to me the privilege of serving as the Mayor of your City for the next two years. I pray to God that I may prove to be worthy of that honor and trust.

Melrose was incorporated in 1900, and the wisdom, integrity and foresight of my fourteen predecessors in the office of Mayor, the long, hard hours of uncomplaining work by the Boards of Aldermen, and the heads of departments, is one of the reasons we are the only city in Massachusetts that is debt free.

The City of Melrose and I were born about the same time, and I have watched it grow to one of the finest communities in the Commonwealth, rich in cultural advantages, with well attended churches, many excellent service, fraternal and patriotic organizations, and a long list of able civic administrations.

As the second native son to be elected to the office of Mayor, I feel deeply humble.

First let me say however, I do not profess to be able to look into the future, and tell you what is going to happen next month or next year. I am just the plodding, earth-bound type of person, who believes that the economy of our city will be a whole lot better off in the long run if we spend less time in trying to read the future, and put more energy into trying to make the future.

May I express a few very definite views about the present situation in our fair City. As I commence my duties, I am faced with increased budgets in almost every department in our city, most of this due to increased salaries.

Our School Budget for this year is $92,000.00 more than last year, with the greatest proportion of it for salary increases. I find that various city employees have been granted raises as of September 1, 1953, but a great many did not share in this increase, which has caused a lowering of the morale within the departments. I feel that it is the duty of the Mayor, and the Board of Aldermen to work closely with the Personnel Board and correct this situation.

While we will benefit from additional revenue from taxes on new building, we may expect an increase in state and county taxes, in addition to the school budget, and our nominal increases. I promise to do everything in my power to present a budget that will be economical, without depriving the citizens of essential services, but at this time it seems that a tax increase cannot be avoided.

In the few weeks since I was elected as your Mayor, it has been my pleasure and privilege to visit with our various department heads. From my experience, and from what I have learned from these interviews, the City Government is in good hands, and it will be my aim to continue good service, and to make it better, right to the last official and employee.

I shall invite the Department heads periodically to meet in conference. A great many city problems affect more than one department, and general discussions should produce better cooperation.

A review of city departments and their services,calls for discussion and recommendations in certain cases.

You will rightly look to your School Committee for leadership in the maintenance of a high standard of education.

The Superintendent of the Public Works Department informs me that by the expenditure of approximately $150,000.00 this year and next, we will have completed the back-log of the unfinished streets, so that our requests after 1955 will be small by comparison.

While that department is making definite progress in securing mechanized equipment, enabling it to do its work faster and with less man-power, I shall continue to investigate further possibilities of purchasing more of this type of equipment, as we are faced with a real shortage of mannual labor.

In our Water Division new construction will not impose any greater problems than we have had in the past few years, and without doubt, less.

The Sewer Program for 1954 will be relatively small and it will be my recommendation that we expend some of the funds normally appropriated for such work, for the covering of brooks.

In the center of our City we have a natural beauty spot I refer to Ell Pond. This has been a political issue for many years and has been neglected because other improvements or repairs have been deemed more essential. Work has already been started to provide a road bed around the north side of the Pond. All of the work that has been done to date has been from by-products of various c onstruction jobs, and it has been done at a very small portion of what the cost would be had it been done by contract as a definite one-year project.

True, it may take three or four years at the rate we have been progressing, to get around as far as the Legion Bungalow, but when that has been accomplished, and the mud cleaned from the bottom, it will be possible to fill in the area between the Parkway and the Pond, so that recreational areas will be available. Tennis Courts, soft ball fields, football practice areas, and skating rink, should make this area useful as well as beautiful.

Our Fire Department.

Melrose enjoys the reputation of having one of the lowest fire losses in cities of our size throughout the United States. This is undoubtedly due to an excellent program of fire prevention established by the Chief and carried on throughout the year in the schools, in talks before civic groups, and periodic inspections of buildings.

During recent years there has been a marked increase in emergency calls for other than fire duty, which have been efficiently handled by the present personnel, and of which I highly approve, feeling that this phase of activity is appreciated by the citizens of Melrose.

The apparatus of the department, with one exception, is in excellent condition. The service and rescue truck, bought in 1937, is now burdened with considerable equipment not originally planned for. It sees constant action and should be replaced in the very near future.

Our Auxiliary Fire Department has saved the City thousands of dollars and helped out the regular force time and time again, when the department was hard pressed, proving the value of hundreds of hours spent by members of the regular department in training this group.

You have my promise that I will work very close to the Chief to keep the department well equipped and trained, to assure the best possible protection to the lives of the citizens, and their property.

The Police Department.

The Police Department operates in a very efficient manner under its capable leader.

I find that we have an excellent Auxiliary Department of over 100 men who meet weekly and receive instructions from our regular members. A great many times they have been called to help

out on special occasions with the regular officers.

I do not feel that this City has a juvenile delinquency problem because of the method they use in handling it through out clergy, civic organizations and the parents themselves.

I shall make a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen that they employ a full-time clerk to take that burden off the regular officers and give them more time for investigations. I shall recommend a traffic officer at the West Foster Street automatic railroad gate crossing to take care of the children going and coming from school.

I shall recommend that new cruisers be bought every year. I should like to ppint out an example of the cost of maintaining old cars. A 1950 police cruiser in our police department cost $1,587.84 to maintain for the year 1953. A 1953 police cruiser doing practically the same mileage, cost $510.84 for the same period. It is important that these cars be kept in ti-top condition because they may be called upon to rush to save someone's life at any hour of day or night, and that life could be yours or someone dear to you.

Park Department.

Due to the great interest shown in the Little League during the past few years, we find a shortage of playing fields for our children. The Conant Road Playground will be ready for use as a Field at the start of the Season. A diamond has been laid out, and a part of the outfield is in grass, the balance to be sowed early in the Spring. This field will be the official "Little League Diamond" with bleachers to hold 500 people, and a new backstop and fence across the outfield, so that it should be one of the best looking fields in Melrose and will be a great help to the Park Department this year.

I shall recommend to the Park Commission that the skating rink on Tremont Street be moved to another site across from the High School where the old rink used to be located. This area was very satisfactory, and it is possible that a rink could be set there, which would result in a maximum number of skating days during the year.

The Ski Tow at Mt. Hood will continue to attract people from Melrose, as well as many from outside. New lights have been placed on the Tow so that the hills in the immediate vicinity will be well lighted and will be kept in good skiing condition as long as possible. Half of the hill on the #1 fairway will continue to be set aside for youngsters with sleds, and with all our natural ponds for skating, I shall endeavor to make this a year round recreation area weather permitting.

Mt. Hood Golf Club enjoyed its finest year. I shall recommend to the Park Commission that they cover the brook on the #1 fairway, and the brook running between the third and fourth fairways. This will be a big step forward in improving this area, correct a hazard, and attract more people to play golf.

Civil Defense

As you cannot help but perceive through the newspapers, radio and television, the international situation as regards peace, is in more danger than ever. Not only that, but the President of the United States has publicly announced, "We conclude that the Soviets now have the capability of atomic attack on us, and such capabilities will increase with the passage of time."

President Eisenhower recently met with Mayors from 175 large cities throughout the United States, and it was his personal conviction that each city and town should handle its own problem of civil defense.

We know that Russia has a tremendous fleet of submarines, a large part of which posses the capabilities of launching atomic shells. This means that our entire seacoast is subject to attack at any point.

Our major objective should be the organization of civil defense which would give the majority of our citizens a fair chance of survival in case such attacks should come. Melrose is surrounded by, and included in, vital target areas. In fairness and justice to our citizens, we should do everything in our power to assure their protection.

In some directions we have achieved excellent results, namely the Fire, Police and Radio Divisions of Civil Defense. From that point on we are woefully lacking, although the Warden Division is developing slowly but surely upon sound lines.

Among my first considerations, and within the shortest time possible, I will make my recommendations for the establishment of an organization to protect our citizens to the fullest extent.

In looking toward the future, I believe, very deeply, that the kind of city we shall live in tomorrow, depends primarily on the kind of job we do today. I think the future of our City can be anything we want to make it. With its physical area permanently established, future building, of necessity, will be limited.

Public buildings of ancient structure, will doubtless give way to those of more modern design. More recreational facilities will be demanded and created. The City of Melrose has a past that is creditable, and to obtain the kind of future that you and I want for Melrose, we have got to give the very best we have in the way of initiative, enterprise, energy, and above all -- sound judgment.

To be a resident of this City is an honor, but to serve as Chief Executive is, I believe, a special privilege. So with God's help, I hope that I shall justify your faith in me.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter XXIX of the Revised Ordinances of the City of Melrose, I respectfully submit, herewith, the annual report of the Board of Appeal for the year 1954.

The Board of Appeal met on February 17, 1954 to organize for the ensuing year, re-electing Melvin R. Jenney as chairman and Edwin H. King as secretary. The other members of the Board were Messrs. Harry Brettell, W. Jarvis Lowe, Francis Kimberley, and E. Franklin Reed.

The Board heard fifteen cases during the year rendering decisions in the following manner:

Appeals Granted	12
Appeals Denied	2
No Decision	1
Total	15

Respectfully submitted,

BOARD OF APPEAL

By Edwin H King
Secretary

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen

Gentlemen:

The Board of Assessors respectfully submits the following report of the Assessing Department for the year ending December 31, 1954:

Taxable Valuation of the City:		
Real Estate	$ 43,588,100.00	
Personal Property	3,332,400.00	
Total	$ 46,920,500.00	
Tax Rate $54.40 per $1,000.00		
BUDGET		
City Appropriations:		
To be included in the tax levy	$ 3,384,078.17	
From Available Funds	228,380.89	
Total Appropriations		$ 3,612,459.06
State Assessments - 1954 Estimates		
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	$ 2,893.32	
State Examination of Retirement System	149.02	
Smoke Inspection Service	616.48	
Metropolitan Parks	35,913.58	
Metropolitan Sewerage - North System	51,220.61	
Metropolitan Water	54,406.88	
Total 1954 State Estimates		$ 145,199.89
State Assessments - 1953 Underestimates		
Boston Arena Authority	$ 4,115.80	
Metropolitan Parks - 1949 Adjustment	3.72	
Total 1953 State Underestimates		$ 4,119.52
County Assessments - 1954 Estimates		
County Tax	$ 109,487.12	
Tuberculosis Hospital (actual)	34,862.71	
Total 1954 County Estimates		$ 144,349.83
OVERLAY 1954		$ 41,385.08
OVERLAY DEFICIT - 1952		$ 85.18
OVERLAY DEFICIT - 1951		$ 438.20
TOTAL - ALL APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS		$ 3,948,036.76

ADDENDUM

Year	Census	Dwellings	Polls	Value Buildings	Value Land	Total Val. Real Estate	Value Personal Estate	Total Valuation	Rate per $1,000	City Appropriation	Sewerage Tax	Other State Levies	State Tax	County Tax	Overlay	Total Tax Levy	Year
1934	23,565	5,432	7,299	26,718,150	7,896,500	34,614,650	2,076,550	36,691,200	33.00	1,356,488.97 †161,818.77	15,919.98	83,642.67	52,100.00	51,830.98 15,538.41	27,844.47 4,088.45	1,769,272.70 *543,865.10	1934
1935	24,256	5,455	7,575	26,682,550	7,979,650	34,662,200	2,200,200	36,862,400	36.00	1,472,523.20 †58,458.65	15,900.00	86,026.53	53,200.00	53,368.63 14,369.73	22,072.32 211.20	1,776,130.26 *433,933.86	1935
1936	23,924	5,497	7,577	26,544,150	7,966,900	34,511,050	2,145,200	36,656,250	32.00	1,357,988.36 †252,452.98	19,348.97	84,984.35	16,800.00	55,441.81 15,567.21	19,812.19 892.02	1,823,287.89 *635,133.89	1936
1937	23,891	5,674	7,106	27,013,900	7,972,300	34,986,200	2,420,000	37,406,200	33.80	1,416,969.65 †138,894.78	22,612.66	86,408.42	64,400.00	56,912.59 15,608.79	15,889.11 3,167.76	1,820,863.76 *542,322.20	1937
1938	24,050	5,748	7,175	27,619,400	8,089,000	35,708,400	2,807,500	38,515,900	34.40	1,502,168.38 †61,646.44	22,916.59	89,157.51	50,440.00	59,058.70 32,760.51	18,876.83 1,084.67	1,838,109.63 *498,212.67	1938
1939	24,670	5,790	7,977	27,584,800	8,189,000	35,773,800	2,726,250	38,500.050	33.80	1,491,463.07 †102,231.21	27,001.39	142.027.68	104,040.00	49,678.46 18,408.73	17,925.87	1,952,776.41 *635,520.72	1939
1940	25,232	5,858	8,191	27,749,950	8,047,250	35,797,200	2,727,800	38,525,000	33.60	1,512,704.20 †57,768.78	28,982.80	81,387.41	92,480.00	49,678.46 18,998.84	29,317.13	1,871,317.62 *560,495.62	1940
1941	25,511	5,926	8,281	27,859,050	7,939,600	35,798,650	2,723,450	38,522,100	31.60	1,475,192.60 †58,077.51	33,226.90	72,049.39	100,485.00	57, 506.55 17,281.83	29,226.58 2,024.83	1,845,071.19 *611,210.83	1941
1942	25,896	5,875	8,486	28,453,600	7,971,250	36,424,850	2,676,750	39,101,600	30.60	1,445,152.91 †104,482.00	30,823.77	71,335.63	91,350.00	48,063.67 17,498.85	27,207.70 580.71	1,836,495.24 *623,014.28	1942
1943	26,649	5,887	8,838	28,698,600	7,931,900	36,630,500	2,729,200	39,359,700	28.40	1,385,174.55 †79,284.55	31,938.34	64,856.13	30,450.00	43,324.31 10,571.89	17,553.72	1,663,153.49 *527,662.01	1943
1944	27,412	5,885	9,195	28,624,500	8,035,950	36,660,450	2,715,900	39,376,350	29.60	1,402,782.15 †199,898.08	29,159.69	80,378.72	76,351.00	51,223.86 12,302.59	18,051.80	1,870,147.89 *686,339.93	1944
1945	27,971	5,881	9,329	28,671,500	7,909,800	36,581,300	2,806,050	39,387,350	29.60	1,499,942.80 †191,089.31	29,762.25	71,522.56	42,908.00	53,313.34 12,375.71	16,286.28 250.00	1,867,450.25 *682,926.69	1945
1946	27,938	5,880	9,324	28,702,200	7,908,350	36,610,550	2,913,000	39,423,550	31.60	1,560,615.98 †182,790.95	34,052.28	39,113.24	31,600.00	62,376.97 10,001.77	17,480.45 312.40	1,938,344.04 *673,981.86	1946
1947	27,761	5,901	9,089	28,973,700	7,916,800	36,890,500	3,093,950	39,984.450	36.00	1,863,980.44 †257,748.14	43,122.85	43,305.96	31,600.00	76,511.38 14,344.76	15,772.18 94.00	2,346,479.71 *888,909.51	1947
1948	27,754	5,977	9,015	29,736,800	7,961,800	37,698,600	3,365,750	41,064,350	42.00	2,336,368.14 †553,127.10	47,646.33	42,435.28	0.00	68,879.51 14,344.76	18,248.39 1,153.11	2,982,202.62 *1,239,469.92	1948
1949	27,928	6,076	9,015	30,599,200	8,041,750	38,640,950	3,630,800	42,271,750	42.00	2,275,091.66 †505,779.95	50,536.79	53,625.77	0.00	86,952.17 19,326.54	25,008.40 625.80	3,016,947.08 *1,223,503.58	1949
1950	27,973	6,156	8,981	31,168,500	8,079,400	39,247,900	3,360,600	42,608,500	42.00	2,453,410.37 †425,385.17	61,384.35	65,614.32	0.00	114,034.08 21,887.19	25,000.00 529.67	3,167,245.15 *1,359,726.15	1950
1951	28,226	6,279	9,019	31,996,700	8,149,350	40,146,050	3,554,250	43,700,300	46.00	2,796,487.39 †200,763.66	60,072.82	54,889.62	0.00	98,478.29 28,422.61	27,000.00 8.40	3,266,122.79 *1,237,870.99	1951
1952	28,313	6,409	9,021	33,242,450	8,234,300	41,476,500	3,219,150	44,695,900	53.80	3,079,186.82 †277,726.82	54,215.99	80,488.60	0.00	123,755.80 †33,788.56	35,450.43 2,061.83	3,686,674.40 *1,263,992.98	1952
1953	28,335	6,506	8,981	34,482,100	8,335,050	42,817,150	3,243,400	46,050,550	52.80	3,128,765.89 †462,019.15	59,101.92	67,226.70	0.00	108,738.00 39,235.21	42,223.07 4,559.03	3,911,868.97 *1,461,909.93	1953
1954	28,538	6,596	8,942	35,242,950	8,345,150	43,588,100	3,342,400	46,920,500	54.40	3,384,078.17 †228,380.89	51,220.61	98,098.80	0.00	109,487.12 34,862.71	41,385.08 523.38	3,948,036.76 *1,377,677.56	1954

† From Available Funds
* Receipts

LESS DEDUCTIONS

Estimated Receipts - City 1954:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	$ 228,430.73	
Licenses	5,948.00	
Fines	675.23	
Special Assessments	35,245.04	
General Government	10,999.75	
Protection of Persons and Property	1,411.56	
Health and Sanitation	18,872.86	
Highways	4,761.34	
Charities	27,994.44	
Old Age Assistance	186,474.79	
Veterans' Services	18,125.56	
Schools	7,189.77	
Libraries	15.00	
Recreation	127.30	
Public Service Enterprises	171,441.11	
Cemeteries	11,705.77	
Interest	6,293.09	
Total 1954 Estimated City Receipts		$ 735,711.34
Estimated Receipts - State 1954		
Income Tax	$ 196,469.32	
Corporation Taxes	166,586.15	
Old Age Tax	9,436.09	
Total 1954 Estimated State Receipts		$ 372,491.56
State Overestimates - 1953		
Smoke Inspection Service	$ 143.15	
Metropolitan Parks	1,313.60	
Metropolitan Sewerage - North System	983.57	
Total 1953 State Overestimates		$ 2,440.32
County Tax - 1953 Overestimate		$ 2,942.29
Voted from Available Funds to reduce Tax Rate		$ 35,711.16
Available Funds		$ 228,380.89
TOTAL ALL DEDUCTIONS		$ 1,377,677.56
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION		$ 2,570,359.20

HOW RAISED

POLLS 8942 @ $2.00	$ 17,884.00	
PERSONAL TAX $ 3,332,400.00 @ $54.40	$ 181,282.56	
REAL ESTATE $43,588,100.00 @ 54.40	$2,371,192.64	
TOTAL		$ 2,570,359.20

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed	6,946
Number of Persons assessed for Poll Tax	8,942
Number of Motor Vehicle Excises levied	12,956
Number of Horses assessed upon	16
Number of Cows assessed upon	0
Number of Dwellings assessed upon	6,596

VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

	PERSONAL	REAL ESTATE
City Property Publicly Used	$ 414,900.00	$ 5,288,050.00
City Property Not So Used		75,475.00
Benevolent Institutions	265,000.00	1,010,300.00
Cemeteries	500.00	23,400.00
Charitable Institutions	5,500.00	48,200.00
Houses of Religious Worship	39,500.00	1,218,800.00
Literary Institutions	12,500.00	181,600.00
Organizations of War Veterans	3,000.00	19,100.00
Parsonages		69,700.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		17,600.00
	$ 740,900.00	$ 7,952,225.00

The following additional assessments were committed:

Motor Vehicle Excise (12,956)		$ 298,247.55
Apportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 10,583.98	
" Sidewalk "	3,678.89	
" Street "	7,201.28	
" Committed Interest	6,492.60	$ 27,956.75
Unapportioned Sewer Assessments	$ 41,247.46	
" Sidewalk "	5,708.41	
" Street "	62,936.21	$ 109,892.08
Additional Polls (20)		$ 40.00
Additional Personal Estate Committed (2)		$ 136.00

During the year 30,459 items were committed to the Collector.

Respectfully Submitted:

Louis B. Hennigar

Henry L. Rostaek

Herman D. MacDonald

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF HEALTH

of the

CITY OF MELROSE

for the

Year Ending December 31st
1954

Organization of Board
Oakley R. Jones, M.D., Chairman
Paul E. Troy, Atty., Edward L. Kelly, Members
Helen F. Adams, Agent

School Physicians
Thomas M. Hearne, M.D. George R. Murphy, M.D.
John S. Graf, M.D.

Dentist
Ezra J. Kennison, D.M.D.

Dental Hygienists
Eleanor D. Hovey Frances W. Sargent
Hazel E. Sederquist

Public Health Nurses
Johanna P. M. Versteeg, P.H.N., Supervisor
Genevieve J. Creeley, P.H.N. Jane H. Lord, P.H.N.

Inspectors

Sanitary John J. Devine
Animals Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.S.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith a review of the health conditions in the city and a statement of the acts of the Board of Health for the year ending December 31, 1954.

CHANGES IN PERSONNEL -

The local Board of Health and Melrose suffered a great loss by the death of Mr. Edward L. Kelly on December 14, 1954. Mr. Kelly served as a member of the board for seven years. We shall miss his loyal, conscientious and invaluable services.

During the year Dr. John S. Graf was appointed as school physician to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Dr.Joel M. Johnson.

GENERAL HEALTH -

The general health of the community has continued to be excellent. There was a slight increase in the number of births and of deaths. Of these deaths, 72 per cent were over sixty five years of age, and 8 children died under 1 year of age. This city had no major epidemics during 1954.

DENTAL HEALTH -

The Melrose Dental Clinic, offering fluoride prophylaxis to all school children in Melrose and remedial dentistry to those Melrose children showing financial need, was in full operation during the school year. A detailed account of the work performed by the clinic is presented in the report of the Supervisor of Nursing. Such restorative dentistry performed in our local dental clinic was supplemented by that provided for indigent children at the Forsyth Dental Infirmary. The children attending Forsyth were provided with bus transportation by this department.

SCHOOL HEALTH -

The school health program covers medical examinations and nursing in the eleven public and two parochial schools with an approximate census of 4300 pupils. As in the past, upon completion of the physical examinations, teacher-nurse conferences are held for the benefit of the teacher, nurse, parent and child. Every attempt is made to improve any defects found in order to assist the children in making their adjustments.

SANITATION -

All nuisances reported were investigated and action for correction taken. Unclean premises, garbage strewn over yards, il-

legal dumping and disposal of garbage, and the keeping of hens and horses were the most frequent complaints. Constant vigilance is required to keep such nuisance complaints at a minimum.

Our bakeries received the required semi-annual inspections, and objectionable practises were called to the owners' attention. In a few instances, re-inspections have been necessary where definite corrective measures had to be instituted.

All milk sold in the city was tested and cultured periodically and found acceptable. Milk sold in this city is pasteurized, thus protecting the community from the several milk borne diseases.

Sanitary inspection of restaurants, drug stores and stores selling food and soft drinks consumed on the premises were made and in general found to meet standard requirements.

All known stables, animal pens, chicken yards, etc. were inspected and 24 out of 30 applications were approved and licenses granted.

We continued the air-borne spraying for the control of mosquitoes which resulted in only one complaint of this nuisance.

The members of the board of health inspected all proposed subdivisions for approval of satisfactory drinking water, sewage and surface drainage as prescribed by General Laws.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES -

Poliomyelitis - Melrose participated whole-heartedly in the polio pioneer program. Almost 100% of the local doctors and the senior nursing students from the Melrose Hospital gave our over-burdened staff a hand. The program could not have been accomplished without the complete cooperation of the various P.T.A. volunteers and the entire school department. Three inoculations were given to the first three grades on three occasions and blood was taken for analysis from about 90 children. The Mayor's office supplied lollipops on all occasions. Late reports showed that about 50% of the children inoculated received the actual vaccine.

During 1954 there were 6 cases of poliomyelitis reported with no deaths but none of the cases reported involved children who had been inoculated with the Salk vaccine.

Diphtheria - Two very mild cases of diphtheria in adults were reported during 1954 in the city.

Scarlet Fever - There were 17 cases of scarlet fever reported to us this year as compared to 11 cases in 1953.

Measles, mumps and chickenpox followed their usual cycle as charted elsewhere.

Salmonella Infections - There were 4 cases reported to us during the year as compared to 9 cases in 1953.

Tuberculosis - Three new cases of tuberculosis were reported to us during the year. The X-ray program was changed so that each patient entering the local hospital, would receive a "free chest plate", the concensus of opinion being that the case finding of tuberculosis would be higher. This remains to be shown since our case finding was two new cases in less than 500 chest plates:- rather a remarkable record.

Rabies Control - On advice of our Inspector of Animals, Dr. C. Thibeault, the rabies control program was changed based upon newer knowledge. In the future dogs will be inoculated every two years instead of each year.

HEALTH EDUCATION -

This program is most essential and was expaned to a small degree this year with the results beginning to become obvious.

A continued expansion is essential if the city is to maintain its previous position of having one of the best health departments in the State.

DEATHS IN MELROSE AND THEIR CAUSES - A complete record of all deaths and their causes is kept in this office and is available to any authorized person.

RECOMMENDATIONS -

We are frightfully sorry but these must remain the same as the past few years since no changes have been made. We also recommend a swimming pool be installed in the area of Ell Pond which could utilize the "old bath house". This is recommended despite the fine work and cooperation of other departments because we feel that it will be quite a number of years before the water of this pond will meet the state specifications for bathing purposes.

Our previous recommendations are as follows; a more adequate office, a laboratory and clinic space are most urgently needed. At present, only one room is available for a staff of 6 full-time employees and 8 part-time employees. There is no laboratory for the Sanitary Inspector and his examinations are being made in a laboratory outside the city. A conference room for the nurses to interview privately the many mothers who call on them regarding their family health problem is necessary.

We wish, in closing to thank the Mayor, the Board of Aldermen, and all departments in the city for their cooperation and help.

Respectfully submitted,

.....Board of Health

.....Melrose

TABLE I

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

	1954	Totals 1954	1953	Totals 1953
Total Appropriation	.....	$42,867.00	.....	$43,452.65
EXPENDITURES				
Salaries & Wages	.....	$21,998.71	.....	$20,868.65
Chairman	$ 2,566.39	.....	$ 2,426.18	
Board Members	117.50	.....	120.00	
Health Agent	3,132.00	.....	2,937.00	
Substitute Clerk	40.00	.....	40.00	
School Physicians	1,500.00	.....	1,500.00	
Public Health Nurses	10,038.29	.....	9,517.97	
Inspector of Animals	675.00	.....	675.00	
Sanitary Inspector	3,929.53	.....	3,652.50	
Other Expenses	.....	$ 1,628.67	.....	$ 1,771.03
Telephone	$ 265.13		$ 287.06	
Car Allowance-Public Health Work @ 8¢ per mile	1,098.90	.....	1,244.64	
Postage & Express	11.32	.....	62.64	
Office Supplies	180.95	.....	85.39	
Sundries & Printing	72.37	.....	91.30	
Tuberculosis	.....	$ 3,854.39	.....	$ 6,941.42
Outside Aid	$ 349.39	.....	$ 260.00	
Board & Supplies in Hospital	3,505.00	.....	6,681.42	
Quarantine & Contagious Disease	.....	$ 158.92	.....	$ 282.60
Care & Disposal of Stray Animals	.....	$ 375.50	.....	$ 379.75
Immunization of Dogs	.....	$ 182.88	.....	$ 299.99
Transportation-Children Dental Clinic	.....	$ 600.00	.....	$ 600.00
Dental Clinic	.....	$ 5,536.65	.....	$ 5,504.23
Salaries & Wages	$ 4,848.00	.....	$ 4,715.00	
Administrative Expense	688.65	.....	789.23	
Care of Premature Babies	.....	$ 630.40	.....	$ 532.80
Laboratory & Educational Expense	.....	$ 335.55	.....	$ 218.73
Mosquito Suppression	.....	$ 2,122.60	.....	$ 1,427.50
Total Expenditures	.....	$37,414.27	.....	$38,826.70
Revenues of Board of Health*	.....	$ 3,109.24	.....	$ 4,595.57
Licenses and Permits	$ 175.50	.....	$ 194.00	
Reimbursements	2,836.74	.....	4,161.57	
Dog Clinic	97.00	.....	240.00	
*Not available for use				
County Tuberculosis Tax	.....	$34,862.71	.....	$39,235.21

TABLE II

CASES & DEATHS OF CERTAIN DISEASES FOR TEN YEARS

	Polio-mye litis		Diph-theria		Scarlet Fever		Typhoid Fever		Measles		Lobar Pneum-onia		Whoop-ing Cough		Tuberculosis Pul. & Miliary		Tuberculosis Menin-geal		Other Forms	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
1945	2	0	13	0	94	0	0	0	17	0	6	0	38	0	10	8	0	0	1	1
1946	0	0	1	0	23	0	0	0	231	0	12	2	39	0	8	8	0	0	0	0
1947	1	0	1	0	11	0	0	0	146	1	9	2	56	0	5	4	1	0	0	0
1948	1	0	1	0	9	0	1	0	166	0	12	0	19	0	9	5	0	0	1	2
1949	25	2	0	0	19	0	0	0	414	0	1	0	33	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
1950	3	0	0	0	38	0	0	0	45	0	3	0	47	0	11	2	0	0	0	0
1951	2	0	1	0	12	0	1	0	66	0	1	0	2	0	12	3	0	0	0	0
1952	5	1	1	0	15	0	0	0	608	0	1	0	9	0	5	3	0	0	1	0
1953	6	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	7	0	4	4	0	0	1	0
1954	4	0	2	0	17	0	0	0	177	0	0	0	33	0	3	2	0	0	0	1

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF NURSING

Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the public health nursing report for the year 1954:

HEALTH SERVICES -

Melrose was one of 25 communities participating in the Polio Pioneer Program. Clinics were established at all schools.

1,071 children were inoculated with the triple dose vaccine.

85 children gave 10cc of blood at 3 intervals with their parents' consent. 85 certificates were awarded to these children by His Honor, the Mayor.

The success of the program was due to the excellent teamwork of doctors, nurses, volunteers and school personnel.

The final results of the vaccine tests will be known in April 1955. When perfected, the vaccine will be offered to school pupils in the 1-2-3 grades and also to expectant mothers.

During 1954, there were 6 cases of polio reported in Melrose as compared to 1,023 cases throughout the State.

Diabetes - The diabetes detection drive was observed November 15-19. The aim of the campaign was to find an estimated million Americans who have diabetes but do not know it. At the Melrose Hospital 125 free specimens were examined of which 15 showed sugar. These were referred to the family physician for follow-up.

Communicable Disease Control - Eleven monthly immunization clinics were held for the prevention of diphtheria-whooping cough and tetanus.

37 babies and pre-school children received the triple doses.
26 babies and pre-school children received a booster dose.

Dr. Miah H. Rovner, clinic physician administered these inoculations.

Tuberculosis - Due to the use of anti-biotics, the average stay of tuberculosis patients at the Sanatorium is greatly reduced. These patients receive hypodermic injections of streptomycin at home given twice per week by the public health nurses as requested by the physician.

280 home visits were made to 88 patients
157 home visits were made to 72 contacts

On January 1, 1954 there were 88 patients on the register. During the year were added:

3 new cases
3 deceased
2 moved out of Melrose
2 moved into Melrose
5 placed on the inactive list

On December 31, 1954 there were on the register, 83 patients, 47 active cases and 36 inactive cases.

The following appointments for chest X-rays were made during the year:

164 at Melrose Hospital
37 at Middlesex County Sanatorium
8 at North Reading Sanatorium
209

Of the above X-rayed, 9 were patients, 45 contacts, 83 suspects and 72 school personnel.

School Health Program - Each one of the 13 schools was visited twice a week by the public health nurses. The school physician examined 1,356 pupils and screened 115 pupils who needed special attention or had newly entered.

13 schools were inspected for sanitary and hygienic conditions and recommendations were made to the Superintendent of Schools.

The Lions Club financed 10 eye examinations and furnished glasses.

357 vision tests were given
4249 interviews with teachers
10108 interviews with pupils
3732 interviews with groups
12 teacher-nurse conferences
13 home-nursing classes
1019 visits to schools
170 visits to school dental clinics
113 booster doses
942 school-home visits to 626 pupils.

In 1954 there were 66 handicapped children on our register as required by law. Those of school age and unable to attend school receive home instruction. In the schools, lip reading classes are provided for the deaf or hard of hearing.

School Dental Clinic - At the local dental clinic in the Coolidge School, 185 pupils were treated by the dentist.

79 extractions
1085 fillings
11 X-rays taken
22 plastic fillings
15 root canals filled

The dental hygienists cleaned the teeth of 1,162 pupils of the 2-4-6-8 grades and gave 4,556 sodium fluorine treatments. Due to the increase in school population and limited personnel, two schools did not have the services of a dental hygienist and one school was not completed.

The Dental Committee functioned as in previous years in an advisory capacity.

Inspections for Licenses -

2 homes for the aged
2 homes for boarding children
3 nursing homes
12 lodging homes
6 kindergartens or nursery schools

Miscellaneous Activities -

12 lectures attended
4 talks given
16 meetings attended
59 interviews with other health or welfare agencies
107 visits to other agencies
132 not at home or not found

I wish to thank the civic, social and health agencies for the cooperation received during 1954:

The Salvation Army
The Local Red-Cross Chapter
The Lions Club
The Local Polio Foundation
The School Department
The Melrose Hospital
The Mayor's Dental Committee

Respectfully yours,

Johanna P.M. Versteeg

Johanna P.M. Versteeg, P.H.N.
Supervising Public Health Nurse.

REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health,
Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Sanitary Inspector herewith submits his annual report from January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954:

INSPECTION OF MILK

INSPECTION:

Pasteurizing Plants	32
Dairies within city limits	1
Ice Cream Plants	9

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

Market Milk	89
Grade "A" Milk	44
Homogenized Milk	97
Special Milk	12
Cream	72
Ice Cream	35

LABORATORY REPORT:

Chemical analysis of milk and cream	330
(found below standard, 3)	
Bacteriological examination of milk and cream	673
(found below standard, 25)	
Coliform count	334
(found below standard, 46)	
Chemical analysis of ice cream	40
(found below standard, 1)	
Bacteriological examination of mix and ice cream	105
(found below standard, 11)	
Phosphatase test	381

DAILY RETAIL SALES MILK PRODUCTS
(Dealers' Declaration)

Pasteurized milk	12,980 qts.
Certified Pasteurized Milk	30 qts.
Cream	544 qts.

LICENSES AND PERMITS

Milk and Oleomargerine, stores and dealers	114
Pasteurization Plants	1
Ice Cream Manufacturing Permits	3
Ice Cream Sales Permits	88

GEOMETRICAL AVERAGE FOR THE YEAR 1954

GRADE "A" MILK

Dealer	Milk Fat	Plate Count
State Standard	4.00	10,000
Happy Valley Dairy	4.75	1,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	4.40	300
Kiley Farm	4.65	1,500
Prescott, J. B. & Co	4.31	290
Seven Oaks Dairy	4.60	500
Simmons, Charles L	4.10	1,500
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	4.45	3,000
Weiss Farm	5.10	1,500
Whiting Milk Company	4.50	3,500

MARKET AND HOMOGENIZED MILK

State Standard	3.35	40,000
Homogenized:		
Brennan, Horace	3.98	1,500
Brookside (First National Store)	4.05	4,200
Buttrick, David	4.20	1,500
Cummings, B. L., Inc	4.05	4,500
Fallon, W. J. & Son	3.87	9,000
Hanley & Sons	3.92	4,000
Happey Valley Dairy	3.63	49,000
Herlihy Bros., Inc	3.70	3,000
Hoods, H. P. & Sons	3.75	7,000
Kiley Farm	3.72	5,500
Prescott, J. B. & Co	3.85	540
Quinn Farm Dairy	4.11	7,000
Simmons, Charles L	3.74	4,000
Spears, Clinton W	4.01	9,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	3.83	6,000
United Farmers of New England	3.78	4,000
Weiss Farm	3.72	1,000
Whiting Milk Company	3.72	5,500
Market:		
Buttrick, David	4.18	1,500
Brookside (First National Store)	3.98	5,000
Cummings, B. L., Inc	4.21	8,000
Fallon, W. J. & Son	3.94	5,500
Happy Valley Dairy	3.77	14,000
Herlihy Bros., Inc	3.70	5,500
Hoods, H. P. & Son	3.70	2,000
Kiley Farm	3.80	3,500
Prescott, J. B. & Co	3.97	3,000
Quinn Farm Dairy	4.37	2,500
Seven Oaks Dairy	3.90	2,000
Simmons, Charles L	4.20	4,000
Spears, Clinton W	4.15	3,000
Sunnyhurst Dairy, Inc	3.94	2,500
Weiss Farm	3.77	2,500
Whiting Milk Company	3.75	5,500

BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTION OF FOOD

INSPECTIONS:

Common Victuallers	116
Stores-Lord's Day and Food	186
Stores-Drug	20
Bakeries	19
Bakery permits refused	2
Nuisance complaints	71
Number of investigations made concerning complaints	165
Animal permits granted	24
Animal permits refused	6
Animal permits inspected	52
Cesspool inspections	49
Bacteriological examination of eating utensils (Common Victuallers and Soda Fountains	406

(found above 100 plate count, 134)

Foods Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption:

Meat.....35 lbs.
Fish..... 5 lbs.

Flood Damage:

Tonic.....1,582 bottles
Mayonnaise..... 11 jars
French Sauce..... 8 bottles
Baby Food..... 15 jars

AVERAGES FOR THE YEAR 1954

	Bacterial Count			Scoring
	Dishes	Glasses	Silverware	Grade
Federal Standard (not over)	100	100	100	
COMMON VICTUALLERS LICENSES:				
Bellevue Golf Club	100	3	10	89 %
Brigham's Inc	24	10	63	97
Emerson Grille	100	310	68	89.5
Franklin Square Restaurant	350	200	120	81.3
F. W. Woolworth's	28	15	19	94
Garvey Inc	120	140	22	85
Golden Gate Restaurant	57	200	34	72.3
Hopkins	130	290	58	88.7
Karl's Coffee Shop	5	12	5	97
Lee's Ice Cream	85	45	43	94
The Lobster Shop	36	13	36	90
Lou's Lunch	62	45	54	94
Melrose Donut Shop	83	56	105	91.5
Melrose Hospital Coffee Shop	12	7	15	95
Mt. Hood Golf Club	260	140	40	84
Pine Banks Refreshment Stand	110	140	170	75
Pondview Restaurant	29	8	8	97
Reagent Delicatessen	17	11	5	90.3
Reynold's Lunchonette	24	67	38	93.5
Schopell's Cafeteria	69	420	49	79.5
Stearns & Hill	29	16	54	97
FOUNTAIN SERVICE STORES:				
Austin Pharmacy		8	3	
Bells Pharmacy		Paper Serv.	2	
Berston Pharmacy		66	26	
Emerson Pharmacy		3	3	
Franklin Spa		Paper Serv.	14	
Grove Pharmacy		" "	3	
Haslam Pharmacy		42	4	
Hill & Co		Paper Serv.	2	
Milton Pharmacy		23	0	
York Pharmacy (Franklin St.)		37	19	
York Pharmacy (Main St.)		98	44	
R. & M. Varjabedian		160	220	

Respectfully submitted,

John J. Devine

John J. Devine
Sanitary Inspector.

BOARD OF HEALTH

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

The Board of Health,
City of Melrose 76, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As Inspector of Animals for the City of Melrose, I herewith submit the following report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Seventy-five (75) dogs were examined and quarantined for rabies observation as having inflicted injury by biting or scratching persons. There were no cases of rabies in the City this year.

All barns housing horses were inspected and found to be in good condition.

There are no cattle within the City.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Thibeault

Cornelius Thibeault, D.V.M.
Inspector of Animals.

REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Building Department respectfully submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1954.

The building, plumbing, and gas permits issued during the year are classified below:

No.	Classification	Estimated Cost
131	Single Dwellings	$ 990,500.00
3	Two-family Dwellings	36,000.00
1	Duplex Dwelling	10,000.00
140	Reshingles	41,526.00
21	Garages	22,350.00
61	Alterations (Dwelling)	45,540.00
27	Alterations (Other)	46,400.00
2	Church Additions	125,000.00
2	Manufacturing Buildings	68,000.00
1	Motel	18,000.00
1	Office Building	35,000.00
1	Bank Building	15,000.00
2	Restoration of fire damage	2,500.00
1	Utility Building	200.00
1	Accessory Building	350.00
2	Relocation of Garages	00
9	Demolitions	00
	Conversions:	
4	Single to 2-family dwellings	6,500.00
1	Single to 4-family dwelling	10,000.00
1	Carriage house to 4-family dwelling	15,000.00
1	Two-family to 3-family dwelling	2,500.00
1	Three-family to 4-family dwelling	1,500.00
1	Four-family to 5-family dwelling	500.00
415	Building Permits	$1,492,366.00

PLUMBING AND GAS DIVISION:

121	Permits to do plumbing in new buildings	$ 102,025.00
331	Permits to replace plumbing in old buildings	72,517.00
103	Permits for the addition of plumbing in old buildings	43,105.00
7	Permits for the conversion of dwellings	7,275.00
6	Permits for new sewer connections in old buildings that require plumbing	630.00
568	Plumbing Permits	$ 225,552.00
199	Gas Permits	$ 18,631.00

Number of plumbing fixtures installed	1,900
Number of visits of inspection for plumbing	1,075
Number of water tests for plumbing	123
Number of gas fits installed	31
Number of gas appliances installed	263
Number of visits and tests on gas work	214

A total sum of $3,445.85 was received by the Building Department from January 1 to December 31, 1954 for building, plumbing, and gas permit fees, Board of Appeal applications, code books, and zoning maps.

415	Building Permits	$ 2,189.00
568	Plumbing permits	1,071.00
199	Gas permits	149.00
84	Code Books	33.60
14	Zoning maps	3.25
17	Board of Appeal applications	170.00
	Total	$ 3,445.85

The Building Department inspected several houses on streets where the Public Works Department were to blast for the installation of sewer and water, submitting a total of forty-three blasting inspection reports to said department.

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm G. Tillemon
Building Commissioner

REPORT OF THE CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Cemetery Committee herewith submits a report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Besides the regular work of this department we have had two hurricanes and a flood to contend with, and have continued with our road building program.

The two hurricanes did considerable damage to the trees; several were blown down, many were broken and a few were so badly damaged that it was necessary to remove them. Nearly all the roads were blocked by fallen trees and limbs but were quickly opened up for safe travel. The cleaning up of the litter was attended to when time from the regular work was available without the necessity of hiring extra help. The Committee appreciates the very efficient manner in which the Superintendent and the men under him accomplished this task in both storms.

We are pleased to report that with all the falling trees and limbs no damage was done to memorial stones and no personal injuries were reported. The only damage done to the plant was to the garage roof and this was repaired.

During one of the storms the main sewer and drain both backed up and flooded the area known as the Sunken Gardens, and one main avenue was under several inches of water and was closed for several days. This flood condition will recur during abnormally heavy rainfall until the much needed improvements are made in the brook thru Malden.

During the year the open ditch section of the main drain thru the Sunken Gardens was eliminated by the installation of an iron culvert, thus doing away with an unsightly and malodorous condition.

In 1948 the Committee set up a road-building program and has carried this work on each year as far as financial resources would permit. During the past year several more avenues were surfaced and the project is now approximately 92% completed. It is planned to finish this work during the coming year and then all the avenues will be surfaced with modern bituminous pavement.

Plans are under consideration for the improvement of the area at the corner of Lebanon and Sylvan Streets opposite the office. This will include the rebuilding of the wall on Sylvan Street where

it has settled. This wall was built under a WPA project before the present committee was appointed, and is over an underlying stratum of muck and peat without a suitable foundation.

To the various officials and others who have so willingly co-operated with this department we extend our thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Wm J McCarthy
Joseph Casey
Arthur D King

The Cemetery Committee

December 31, 1954.

DETAILS OF APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERS AND EXPENDITURES
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Year Ending December 31, 1954

Appropriations and Transfers:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$31,973.42		
Order 10898-A.	884.83		
Order 10933-A.	187.50	$33,045.75	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		5,543.96	
Road Construction		5,000.00	
Pond Filling & Draining: Balance from 1953		83.97	
Grave Liners.		1,500.00	
Purchase of Filling & Loam:			
Balance from 1953.	$ 255.13		
Order 11046.	200.00	455.13	
Drainage.		300.00	$45,928.81

Expenditures:

Maintenance: Salaries & Wages		$33,045.75	
Maintenance: Other Expenses		5,543.16	
Road Construction		4,107.54	
Grave Liners.		1,470.85	
Purchase of Filling & Loam.		452.76	44,620.06

Unexpended Balance:

To Revenue of 1954:			
Maintenance: Other Expenses	$ 0.80		
Grave Liners.	29.15		
Purchase of Filling & Loam.	2.37	$ 32.32	
To 1955:			
Road Construction	$ 892.46		
Pond Filling & Draining	83.97		
Drainage.	300.00	1,276.43	1,308.75

CEMETERY TRUST FUND, INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance from 1953	$ 2,261.34	
Income, 1954.	8,658.34	$10,919.68
Pay rolls.	$ 7,234.69	
Bills.	964.57	8,199.26
Balance to 1955		$ 2,720.42

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS & EXPENDITURES

Receipts for Departmental Expenditures:		
Appropriations and Transfers	$45,928.81	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	10,919.68	$56,848.49
Departmental Expenditures:		
From Appropriations and Transfers	$44,620.06	
From Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	8,199.26	
Unexpended Balance:		
To Revenue of 1954	$ 32.32	
To 1955: Appropriation Accounts $ 1,276.43		
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income A/c 2,720.42	3,996.85	$56,848.49
Total Net Cash Receipts	$29,290.78	
Credits, Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	8,658.34	$37,949.12
Net Expenditures: Appropriation Accounts	$40,059.76	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account	8,199.26	48,259.02
Expenditures over Receipts		$10,309.90
Total Pay roll: Maintenance: Salaries & Wages	$33,045.75	
Cemetery Trust Fund, Income Account.	7.234.69	
Cost of Living Increase, 3%.	1,207.65	$41,488.09

CASH RECEIPTS

Interments			$ 6,280.00
Foundations			1,595.36
Lot Sales	Department:	$ 2,849.00	
	City Collector:	40.00	
		$ 2,889.00	
	Less Refunds:	135.00	2,754.00
Grave Sales		$ 4,770.00	
	Less Refunds:	90.00	4,680.00
Perpetual Care		$ 9,500.50	
	Less Refunds:	150.00	9,350.50
Annual Care			465.92
Miscellaneous			1,280.00
Grave Liners			2,885.00
Total Net Cash Receipts for 1954			$29,290.78

To the Cemetery Committee,
Melrose,
Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The following is the report of the Superintendent of Wyoming Cemetery for the year ending December 31, 1954:

Interments:

Adults	210
Children, 12 years or under	12
Cremated remains	14
Total for 1954	236

Sale of Lots:

Sold during the year	21
Total number sold to January 1, 1955	2,605

Sale of Graves:

Sold during the year	110
Total number sold to January 1, 1955	4,638
Number of Lots under Perpetual Care	1,885
Number of Single Graves under Perpetual Care	3,076
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1955, Regular, Section D, H and 2	35
Number of Lots available for sale January 1, 1955, in Section 4 and 5	134
Old Lots placed in Perpetual Care	3

Respectfully submitted,

Howard O. Milton

Superintendent.

REPORT OF THE CITY AUDITOR

To His Honor, the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

I submit, herewith, the Annual Report of the City Auditor for the year ended December 31, 1954.

I have examined the several Trust Funds of the Treasurer-Collector as custodian and the Trust Funds of the Trustees of the Public Library as custodian together with all securities, coupons and savings accounts in Savings Banks and Trust Companies. All income for the year was properly accounted for and all expenditures were properly supported by vouchers.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel M. Goddard

City Auditor.

FINANCES

The Assessed Valuation of the City January 1, 1954		
Real Estate	$43,588,100.00	
Personal Property	3,332,400.00	
	46,920,500.00	
Rate of Taxation per $1000.00 of Valuation		$54.40
Appropriation:		
Budget and Revenue Orders	3,348,367.01	
County Tax	109,487.12	
County Tuberculosis Hospital Tax	34,862.71	
Metropolitan Park Tax	35,913.58	
Metropolitan Sewer Tax	51,220.61	
Metropolitan Water Tax	54,406.88	
Smoke Inspection Service Tax	616.48	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts Tax	2,893.32	
State Examination of Retirement System Tax	149.02	
State and County Underestimates from 1953	4,119.52	
Overlays for Abatements	41,908.46	
		3,683,944.71
Less:		
Estimated Receipts:		
Income Tax	196,469.32	
Corporation Tax	166,586.15	
Meals Tax for Old Age Assistance	9,436.09	
City Accounts	735,711.34	1,108,202.90
		2,575,741.81
Less: State and County Overestimates from 1953		5,382.61
		2,570,359.20
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation		
Poll Tax	17,884.00	
Real Estate Tax	2,371,192.64	
Personal Property Tax	181,282.56	2,570,359.20

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1954

Assets

Cash:		
General		$349,818.67
Special - Cemetery-Sale of Lots and Graves		6,401.51
Advances for Petty:		
Collector	$150.00	
Park	50.00	
Library	25.00	
Cemetery	10.00	
School	50.00	
School Athletic Program	100.00	
School Lunch Program	130.00	515.00
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes		
Levy of 1952 - Poll	2.00	
Personal	16.14	
Real	70.90	
Levy of 1953 - Poll	26.00	
Personal	89.76	
Real	2,703.36	
Levy of 1954 - Poll	293.24	
Personal	1,425.37	
Real	54,308.25	58,935.02
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1953	1,833.22	
Levy of 1954	20,992.43	22,825.65
Special Assessments:		
Sewer Added to Taxes 1953	95.78	
1954	791.10	
Sidewalk Added to Taxes 1954	48.00	
Street Added to Taxes 1954	429.87	
Committed Interest 1953	22.64	
Committed Interest 1954	385.00	1,772.39
Tax Titles and Possessions:		
Tax Titles	655.74	
Tax Possessions	18,268.29	18,924.03

Liabilities and Reserves

Employees Payroll Deduction :		
Federal Withholding Taxes		$23,425.61
Old Age Assistance Recoveries		8,765.58
Tailings		634.18
Proceeds of Dog Licenses Due County		27.00
Overestimates 1954:		
State Assessments		1,783.89
County Assessments		3,981.44
Guarantee Deposits:		
Private Sewer	$2,445.00	
Individual Walks	445.00	
Water Inside Service	1,403.00	
Sale of City Possessions	40.00	4,333.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Bequests		2,750.00
Trust Funds Income:		
A. C. Marie Currier	1.23	
Andrew J. Burnett Memorial	395.83	
George Emerson	306.33	
Levi S. Gould	432.47	
Norman F. Hesseltine	25.43	
Community Civics	74.34	
William E. Bailey	678.22	
Horatio W. Perkins	113.30	
Sarah E. Cheever	761.49	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	2,720.32	
Cemetery Flower	43.32	
Oscar Frost	41.40	5,593.68
Unexpended Appropriation Balances		84,730.01
Sale of Tax Title Possessions Fund		12,967.20
Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,280.00

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1954 (Continued)

Assets		
Special Taxes:		
Estate of Deceased Persons		$710.15
Departmental:		
Memorial Building Rentals	$597.40	
Police Ambulance	311.90	
General Relief	2451.47	
Old Age Assistance	2,967.30	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,640.64	
Veterans Services	9,049.78	
School	712.36	
Cemetery - Perpetual Care	80.00	
Sale of Lots and Graves	126.00	
Public Works - Forestry	962.91	
Private Sewer	1,878.28	
Highway Repairing	134.94	
Traffic Beacons	208.59	
Individual Walks	76.36	
Water Maintenance	25.00	
Water Inside Service	1,326.98	23,549.91
Water Rates		29,054.60
Overlay Deficits:		
Levy of 1952	382.94	
Levy of 1954	3,711.61	4,094.55
Overdrawn Appropriations (Chap.44 Sec.31)		
Hurricane Damage of Aug. 31, 1954	78,929.49	
Hurricane Damage of Sept.11, 1954	2,465.57	81,395.06
		597,996.54

Liabilities and Reserves		
Sale of Cemetery Lots and Graves and Accumulated Income		$8,486.51
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation:		
Mt. Hood Memorial Park	$46,091.57	
Library - Fines	3,146.91	
Library - Duplicate Book	207.06	
Parking Meter - Street	12,989.10	
Parking Meter - Off Street	420.01	62,854.65
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Administration	936.00	
Aid to Dependent Children-Administration	1,150.83	
Disability Assistance "	203.29	
Old Age Assistance	1,946.40	
Aid to Dependent Children	2,860.32	
Disability Assistance	1,346.79	8,443.63
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	10,895.80	
School Athletics	8,913.19	19,808.99
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	22,825.65	
Tax Title and Possessions	18,924.03	
Special Taxes	710.15	
Special Assessments	1,772.3 9	
Departmental	23,549.91	
Water	29,054.60	96,836.73
Reserved for Petty Cash Advances		515.00
Overlay Reserve for Abatements:		
Levy of 1953		842.26
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus		1,619.46
Surplus Revenue		248,718.41
		597,996.54

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1954 (Continued)

Trust and Investment Accounts

Assets		Liabilities		
Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of City Treasurer:		
Cash and Securities:		Welfare Funds		
In Custody of City Treasurer	$414,534.34	A. C. Marie Currier	$24,875.12	
In Custody of Memorial Building Trustees	4,250.68	Andrew J. Burnett Memorial	2,000.00	
In Custody of Library Trustees	4,749.95	George Emerson	10,858.44	
		School Funds:		
		Community Civics	50.00	
		Levi S. Gould	1,000.00	
		Norman F. Hesseltine	100.00	
		Sarah E. Fitch	573.26	
		Margaret B. Wing Memorial	246.95	
		Stalker Scholarship	13,466.91	
		Library Funds:		
		William D. Bailey	2,500.00	
		William E. Barrett	75.00	
		Horatio N. Perkins	500.00	
		Park:		
		Sarah E. Cheever Fund	1,500.00	
		Memorial Building:		
		John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund	10,000.00	
		Cemetery Funds:		
		Samuel W. McDaniels Perpetual Care	100.00	
		Wyoming Cemetery Flower	2,919.25	
		Oscar F. Frost	1,184.63	
		Perpetual Care	280,850.02	
		Stabilization Fund	61,678.71	
		200th Anniversary Fund	56.05	$414,534.34
		In Custody of Memorial Building Trustees:		
		John C. F. Slayton Organ Fund - Income		4,250.68
		In Custody of Library Trustees:		
		Sarah A. Cheever	717.56	
		Stephen C. Deering	473.57	
		Jabez Dyer	1,242.51	
		Sarah E.Odlin	2,316.31	4,749.95
	$ 423,534.97			$423,534.97

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1954 (Cont'd)

Assets			Liabilities and Reserves			
			Deferred Revenue Accounts			
Apportioned Assessments Not Due:			Apportioned Sewer Assessment Revenue:			
Sewer	$120,013.60		Due in	1955	$10,074.39	
Sidewalk	20,973.00			1956	9,852.12	
Street	108,211.09	$249,197.69		1957	9,795.10	
				1958	9,237.91	
				1959	8,993.02	
				1960	8,396.06	
				1961	7,593.00	
				1962	6,954.00	
				1963	6,303.00	
				1964	5,759.00	
				1965	5,188.00	
				1966	5,148.00	
				1967	5,133.00	
				1968	5,118.00	
				1969	5,103.00	
				1970	5,098.00	
				1971	5,082.00	
				1972	745.00	
				1973	718.00	
				1974	23.00	120,013.60
			Apportioned Sidewalk Revenue:			
			Due in	1955	3,425.00	
				1956	3,279.00	
				1957	3,274.00	
				1958	2,922.00	
				1959	2,410.00	
				1960	1,995.00	
				1961	1,851.00	
				1962	1,512.00	
				1963	305.00	20,973.00
			Apportioned Street Revenue			
			Due in	1955	10,245.09	
				1956	9,432.00	
				1957	9,432.00	
				1958	9,336.00	
				1959	8,815.00	
				1960	8,286.00	
				1961	8,104.00	
				1962	8,104.00	

BALANCE SHEET - DECEMBER 31, 1954 (Cont'd)

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Deferred Revenue Accounts			
	Apportioned Street Revenue		
	Due in 1963	$6,919.00	
	1964	2,690.00	
	1965	2,690.00	
	1966	2,690.00	
	1967	2,690.00	
	1968	2,690.00	
	1969	2,684.00	
	1970	2,684.00	
	1971	2,684.00	
	1972	2,684.00	
	1973	2,684.00	
	1974	2,668.00	$106,211.09
$249,197.69			249,197.69

CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

Cash - January 1, 1954		$486,430.86
Add Receipts:		
Taxes: Real, Personal and Poll	$2,531,170.36	
" Income and Corporation	370,341.82	
Licenses and Permits	6,970.25	
Fines and Forfeits	770.70	
Grants and Gifts	227,047.41	
Sale of Tax Title Possessions	990.00	
Special Assessments	40,952.39	
Motor Vehicle Excise and Parking Fees	280,416.85	
General Government	7,654.99	
Protection	1,213.83	
Health and Sanitation	19,566.99	
Highways	6,323.69	
Charities	211,933.52	
Veterans Services	16,476.19	
School	71,387.77	
Libraries	4,099.18	
Recreation	31,846.79	
Public Service	174,576.86	
Cemeteries	34,443.12	
Interest	11,471.64	
Temporary Loans	1,000,000.00	
Agency Trust and Investment	268,097.09	
Refunds	28,265.40	
Total Receipts		5,345,016.84
		5,831,447.70
Less: Disbursements (per Schedule)		5,481,629.03
Cash - December 31, 1954		349,818.67

CITY AUDITOR

APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES FOR YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1954

	Total Amount Available	Cash Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
General Government				
Contributory Retirement System	$31,745.00	$31,745.00		
Aldermen				
Salary-Clerk of Committees	2,018.17	2,018.12		$ .05
Other Expense	3,575.00	3,149.21	$15.00	410.79
Inaugural Exercises	240.46	124.34		116.12
Mayor				
Salaries and Wages	6,899.82	6,899.82		
Other Expense	600.00	520.74		79.26
Advisory Committee on Schools	500.00	127.75		372.25
Auditor				
Salaries and Wages	12,381.86	12,369.07		12.79
Other Expenses	950.00	946.95		3.05
Out of State Travel	400.00	400.00		
Treasurer-Collector				
Salaries and Wages	19,319.09	19,200.49		118.60
Other Expense	6,100.00	6,094.44		5.56
Land Court Procedure	50.00	8.12		41.88
Certification of Bonds	400.00	370.40		29.60
Parking Meter Maintenance	100.00	46.80	53.20	
Assessors				
Salaries and Wages	14,467.25	14,467.05		.20
Other Expenses	3,300.00	3,293.27		6.73
Out of State Travel	200.00	200.00		
City Clerk				
Salaries and Wages	14,105.34	14,105.10		.24
Other Expenses	1,150.00	1,046.38	31.80	71.82
Vital Statistics	700.00	249.21	350.00	100.79
Out of State Travel	200.00	200.00		
Microfilming	500.00		500.00	
City Physician				
Other Expenses	100.00	70.29		29.71
City Solicitor				
Salaries and Wages	3,857.32	3,857.32		
Other Expense	500.00	108.19		391.81
Office Expense	2,750.00	2,749.92		.08
Suits and Claims	300.00	20.75		279.25
Election and Registration				
Salaries and Wages	9,309.08	8,719.92		589.16
Other Expense	6,350.00	6,069.17		280.83
Personnel Board				
Salary - Secretary to Board	1,955.61	1,909.46		46.15
Other Expenses	515.00	403.76		111.24
Planning Board				
Services of Clerk	110.58	35.08		75.50
Other Expenses	160.00	146.05		13.95
Fiscal Plan	1,000.00		1,000.00	

	Total Amount Available	Cash Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
General Government (Cont'd)				
Board of Appeal				
Salaries and Wages	$257.51	$257.51		
Other Expenses	150.00	121.63		$ 28.37
Property Valuation Board				
Other Expenses	567.36	175.49	$ 391.87	
Fence Viewers				
Other Expense	15.00			15.00
Public Works				
Salaries and Wages	21,577.65	21,523.43		54.22
Other Expense	2,300.00	2,117.92	18.00	164.08
Vacations	13,044.28	12,992.94		51.34
Holidays	6,460.87	6,078.22		382.65
City Yard:				
Salaries and Wages	2,348.31	2,330.77		17.54
Improvements	4,566.88	4,506.38	40.00	20.50
New Equipment	25,000.00	24,481.40		518.60
Overhead Expense	219.44	1,983.03 **		1,763.59
Sick Leave	10,225.32	9,979.98		245.34
Parking Meter Mtnce.	806.09	527.46	278.63	
Out of State Travel	117.58	117.58		
Salary Adjustments	104.09	104.09		
Engineers:				
Salaries and Wages	19,280.69	19,109.47		171.22
Other Expense	2,050.00	2,018.36		31.64
City Hall:				
Salaries and Wages	5,927.19	5,863.73		63.46
Other Expense	8,760.08	7,949.27	777.56	33.25
Memorial Building				
Salaries and Wages	5,761.11	5,759.62		1.49
Other Expense	5,800.00	5,794.16		5.84
Total-General Government	281,710.15	271,498.55	3,456.06	6,755.54
Protection of Persons and Property				
Police Department				
Salaries and Wages	188,121.20	187,391.84		729.36
Other Expenses	3,700.00	3,693.24		6.76
Equipment and Repairs	5,400.00	4,745.65		654.35
Salary of Mechanician	412.00	412.00		
Identification	300.00	176.07		123.93
Two Way Radio	500.00	443.65		56.35
Indemnification	464.92	418.82	16.00	30.10
Parking Meter Maintenance	8,461.79	7,522.03	939.76	
Maintenance of Buildings	5,669.23	5,630.02		39.21
School Traffic Supervisors:				
Salaries	9,877.27	9,707.19		170.08
Equipment	509.25	509.25		
Attendance at State Police School	200.00	200.00		
Uniforms	1,505.00	1,505.00		
Out of State Travel	400.00	271.05		128.95
New Cruisers	3,200.00	3,134.50		65.50
Resurface Driveway	500.00	311.88		188.12
Fire Department				
Salaries and Wages	202,738.98	202,214.08		524.90
Other Expenses	4,050.00	3,755.70		294.30
Equipment and Repairs	4,200.00	4,101.61		98.39
Repairs to Building	2,500.00	2,450.09		49.91
Fuel and Light	3,700.00	3,637.42		62.58
Hydrant Rentals	11,120.00	11,120.00		

	Total Amount Available	Cash Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Protection of Persons,etc(Cont'd)				
Fire Department				
New Hose	$1,300.00	$1,055.85		$244.15
Out of State Travel	300.00	143.88		156.12
Two Way Radio	750.00	497.50		252.50
Purchase of Three Pumps	427.00	420.00		7.00
Purchase of Pick-up Truck	1,500.00	1,315.92		184.08
Building Department				
Salaries and Wages	10,996.19	10,996.19		
Other Expenses	1,150.00	875.31	271.63	3.06
Wire Department				
Salaries and Wages	11,795.31	9,971.81		1,823.50
Other Expenses	225.00	175.34		49.66
Police Signal	1,500.00	1,322.34	125.00	52.66
Fire Alarm Maintenance	2,200.00	1,395.10	390.00	414.90
Weights and Measures				
Salaries and Wages	1,924.28	1,690.94		233.34
Other Expense	265.00	206.76		58.24
Forestry - Care of Trees	19,752.41	17,948.08		1,804.33
Dog Officer				
Salaries and Wages	618.00	618.00		
Other Expenses	500.00	468.00		32.00
Civil Defense				
Expense	5,505.82	5,451.49	54.33	
Out of State Travel	200.00			200.00
Total -Protection of Persons and Property	518,438.65	507,903.60	1,796.72	8,738.33
Health and Sanitation				
Health Department				
Salaries and Wages	6,034.08	6,031.56		2.52
Other Expenses	1,630.00	1,628.67		1.33
Tuberculosis	8,000.00	3,854.39		4,145.61
School Physicians	1,545.00	1,545.00		
Public Health Nurses	10,575.59	10,268.43		307.16
Inspector of Animals	695.28	695.28		
Sanitary Inspector	4,046.24	4,045.42		.82
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases	600.00	158.92		441.08
Care and Disposal of Stray Animals	400.00	375.50		24.50
Immunization of Dogs	300.00	182.88		117.12
Transportation of Children Dental Clinic	600.00	600.00		
Dental Clinic Administration	800.00	688.65		111.35
Salaries and Wages	5,005.44	4,993.44		12.00
Care of Premature Babies	453.60	84.00		369.60
Laboratory and Education Expense	400.00	323.15		76.85
Mosquito Suppression	2,500.00	2,122.60		377.40
Sanitation				
Sewer and Surface Drain				
Construction	59,361.35	50,447.47	3,972.20	4,941.68
Drain Pipe-Plymouth Cir.	5,033.36	4,029.22	1,004.14	
Sewer Maintenance	10,413.44	8,620.04		1,793.40
Northeast Trunk Sewer	4,472.47	72.59	820.92	3,578.96
Private Sewers	19,773.16	18,557.51		1,215.65
Sylvan St. Constr.	12,005.86	1,464.93	10540.93	
Sewer Connections	2,329.81	1,765.44		564.37
Betterments Act	7,109.70	6,725.88		383.82

	Total Amount Available	Cash Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Health and Sanitation (Cont'd)				
Sanitation				
Surface Drain Maintenance	$ 20,101.05	$19,034.84		$1,066.21
Collection of Ashes	44,396.69	43,929.49	$82.50	384.70
Collection of Garbage	28,907.67	28,823.44		84.23
Street Cleaning	15,277.93	13,047.99		2,229.94
Total-Health and Sanitation	272,767.72	234,116.73	16,420.69	22,230.30
Highways				
Highway Repairing	51,437.10	46,351.73		5,085.37
Traffic Signs and Markings	4,777.71	3,457.92		1,319.79
Parking Area Maintenance	300.00			300.00
Highway Construction	196,650.99	162,131.13	21,520.91	12,998.95
Highway Construction Chapter 90	15,021.86	4,859.64	9,318.82	843.40
Parking Area - Dills Ct.	41.82	13.41		28.41
Engineering Services				
Washington and Gould Sts	1,864.10	1,500.00	364.10	
Construction of E. Foster Street Parking Area	3,518.32	671.47	2,846.85	
Individual Walks	3,369.53	2,415.01		954.52
Repair of Walks	8,292.16	7,485.26		806.90
Continuous Walks	11,717.69	6,709.09	5,005.45	3.15
Snow Removal	40,294.83	31,744.23	1,739.00	6,811.60
Street Lighting	38,396.00	37,682.87		713.13
Electric Traffic Beacons	2,000.00	1,849.36		150.64
Automotive:				
Salaries and Wages	1,893.27	1,890.44		2.83
Other Expense	1,000.00	3,865.06 **	242.56	4,622.50
Total - Highways	380,575.38	304,896.50	41,037.69	34,641.19
Welfare				
General Administration	15,431.66	12,579.37		2,852.29
General Relief	24,000.00	23,954.67		45.33
Disability Assistance	19,887.00	18,684.67		1,202.33
Old Age Assistance	250,000.00	245,415.56		4,584.44
Aid Dependent Children	15,850.00	14,946.27		903.73
Out of State Travel	125.00	125.00		
Total - Welfare	325,293.66	315,705.54		9,588.12
Veterans Services				
General Administration:				
Salaries and Wages	8,069.22	8,022.62		46.60
Other Expense	1,000.00	972.68		27.32
Veterans Benefits	37,000.00	36,812.98		187.02
Veterans Burials	300.00	150.00		150.00
Armed Forces Records	75.00	74.67		.33
New Equipment	150.00	150.00		
Total - Veterans Services	46,594.22	46,182.95		411.27
Education				
Salaries and Wages	987,921.00	987,616.69		304.31
Other General Expense	10,875.00	10,218.38	46.20	610.42
Textbooks and Supplies	58,606.00	57,301.93	881.84	422.23
Plant Maintenance and Operation	134,540.00	134,150.29	90.00	299.71
Smith Hughes and George Barden Fund	167.33	167.33		
Vocational Adult Education	6,954.30*	6,151.85	99.44	703.01

	Total Amount Available	Cash Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Education (Cont'd)				
Out of State Travel	475.00	340.23		134.77
Equipment for Roosevelt School	13,998.47	13,833.05	11.50	153.92
Special School Lunch Program	74,264.83**	63,369.03	10,895.80	
Physical Education and Athletic Fund	28,312.95***	19,206.08	9,106.87	
Preliminary Surveys School Sites	400.00			400.00
High School Grading and Drain Repair	648.74	99.40	549.34	
High School Driveway	1,800.00		1,800.00	
Relocate Baseball Diamond Horace Mann School	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Interior Fire Alarms	1,800.00		1,800.00	
Total - Education	1,322,763.62	1,292,454.26	27,280.99	3,028.37
Libraries				
Salaries and Wages	42,483.96	42,101.22	11.22	371.52
Other Expense	2,650.00	2,445.60	204.40	
Books	10,163.70	10,099.09	64.61	
Fuel and Light	1,400.00	1,377.89		22.11
Building and Janitor Supplies	700.00	624.23		75.77
Binding	1,300.00	1,123.99	176.01	
Rent-Highlands Branch	1,500.00	1,500.00		
Construction Project	5,835.00	5,652.65		182.35
Out of State Travel	100.00	100.00		
New Equipment	250.00	233.18		16.82
Repair to Slate Roof	1,000.00	798.50		201.50
Total - Libraries	67,382.66	66,056.35	456.24	870.07
Recreation				
Recreation Commission				
Salaries and Wages	7,317.14	6,175.78		1,141.36
Other Expense	2,575.00	1,923.09		651.91
Office Furniture	100.00	47.50		52.50
Halloween, 4th July	700.00	498.00		202.00
Busses to Swimming Pool	2,425.00	1,868.00		557.00
Pine Banks Park				
Salaries and Wages	8,529.76	7,550.83		978.93
Other Expenses	2,800.00	2,798.64		1.36
Out of State Travel	100.00	90.00		10.00
Sylvan Street Corner	2,000.00	1,979.67		20.33
Park Department				
General Administration				
Salaries and Wages	10,525.12	10,524.72		.40
All Other Salaries and Wages	28,840.23	27,632.01		1,208.22
Holidays, Labor Vacation and Insurance	3,701.38	3,565.51		135.87
Other Expense	1,000.00	708.58		291.42
All Other Expense	7,000.00	5,376.88		1,623.12
Christmas Decorations	150.00	133.59		16.41
Mt. Hood Golf Maintenance and Operation	22,272.02	20,632.19	1,639.83	
Recreation Building Operation	8,388.61	6,987.19	1,401.42	
Athletic Field and Field House Maintenance	7,091.88	5,939.35	475.00	677.53
Ski Tow	2,063.34	496.19	1,567.15	
Toilet and Field House	643.52		643.52	
Construction of Recreational Building	2,811.71		2,811.71	

	Total Amount Available	Cash Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Recreation (Cont'd)				
Park Department				
Gravel Fill for Hockey Rink	637.12		637.12	
Playground and Beach Improvements	263.41		263.41	
Conant Fence	329.00	322.00		7.00
Renovate Track	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Conant Playground Development	2,469.24	2,412.26		56.98
Purchase of Land Lake Avenue	500.00	500.00		
Drain Pipe	7,500.00	7,391.14		108.86
Out of State Travel	313.78	313.78		
Tar Roads	500.00	415.80		84.20
Little League Bleachers	1,500.00	1,156.45		343.55
Back Stop	800.00	475.00		325.00
New Skating Rink	2,500.00	1,032.42	1,467.58	
Fish and Game Club	2.70	2.70		
Total - Recreation	139,349.96	118,949.27	11,906.74	8,493.95
Pensions				
Police	24,628.75	24,622.77		5.98
Fire	26,140.57	25,393.09		747.48
Plumbing	1,800.00	1,800.00		
Public Works	27,951.63	27,951.62		.01
School	9,691.96	9,691.81		.15
Park	1,290.16	1,290.16		
Cemetery	2,103.66	2,103.66		
Total - Pensions	93,606.73	92,853.11		753.62
Celebrations				
Memorial Day				
Sons of Union Veterans	450.00	446.95		3.05
American Legion	300.00	300.00		
Veterans Foreign Wars	300.00	297.25		2.75
Disabled American Veterans	50.00	22.50		27.50
Band	100.00			100.00
Draftees Recognition	400.00	243.75		156.25
City Hall Lighting	750.00	702.20		47.80
Memorial Building Lighting	225.00	225.00		
Main Street Lighting	550.00	550.00		
Total - Celebrations	3,125.00	2,787.65		337.35
Unclassified				
Rentals				
Veterans Foreign Wars	700.00	700.00		
American Legion	1,000.00	1,000.00		
Disabled American Veterans	600.00	464.79		135.21
Amvets	400.00	400.00		
Insurance	21,375.63	21,331.99		43.64
Claims	3,012.90	3,012.90		
Court Judgements	546.40	546.40		
Print City Reports	373.60	363.87		9.73
Publish State Audit	60.00			60.00
Purchase Land Horace Mann	2,620.00		2,620.00	
Rifle Practice	500.00	498.76		1.24
Ell Pond Improvement	5,019.43	4,970.44		48.99
Roosevelt School Addition	102,351.25	93,968.48	2,300.00	6,082.77
Cost of Living *	1,091.12			1,091.12
Armory Site	3,159.56	3,158.25		1.31
Armory Land Taking	1,993.37		1,993.37	
Stabilization Fund	48,640.04	48,640.04		
Total - Unclassified	193,443.30	179,055.92	6,913.37	7,474.01

	Total Amount Available	Cash Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	Balance Dec.31,1954
Water Department				
Water Maintenance and Operation	$56,515.73	$52,199.00		$4,316.73
New Water Meters	4,000.00	3,997.04		2.96
Water Rates - Malden and Saugus	182.37	182.37		
Water Construction	53,710.28	53,657.54		52.74
Water Inside Services	9,615.75	9,215.17		400.58
Total - Water	124,024.13	119,251.12		4,773.01
Cemeteries				
Salaries and Wages	34,073.16	34,073.16		
Other Expense	5,543.96	5,543.16		.80
Grave Liners	1,500.00	1,470.85		29.15
Drain and Fill Pond	383.97		383.97	
Purchase of Fill and Loam	455.13	452.76	2.37	
Road Construction	5,000.00	4,107.54	892.46	
Total - Cemeteries	46,956 .22	45,647.47	1,278.80	29.95
Interest	5,300.00	4,460.43		839.57
Bills Payable	$21,660.22	21,017.94		642.28

Miscellaneous Expenditures	
Receipts Applied to Refunds	18,881.80
Temporary Loans	1,000,000.00
County Dog Tax	3,469.20
Trust Funds	11,431.36
From Federal Grants:	
Welfare Administration	11,458.53
Old Age Assistance	164,648.43
Aid to Dependent Children	8,293.17
Disability Assistance	6,804.02
Library Duplicate Fund	629.25
Cemetery Perpetual Care	8,295.50
Sale of Lots	7,472.00
Flower Fund	200.00
Withholding Tax	243,965.01
State and County Taxes	283,785.08
Payments Applied to Refunds	8,063.23
	1,777,396.58

* Cost of Living Increase Charges and Credits included in Departmental Accounts.

** Departmental Transfers Offset Expenditures.

CITY AUDITOR

	Total Amount Available	Cash Expended	Reserved For Expenditure	Balance Dec.31,1954
RECAPITULATION				
General Government	$281,710.15	$271,498.55	$3,456.06	$6,755.54
Protection of Persons and Property	518,438.65	507,903.60	1,796.72	8,738.33
Health and Sanitation	272,767.72	234,116.73	16,420.69	22,230.30
Highways	380,575.38	304,896.50	41,037.69	34,641.19
Welfare	325,293.66	315,705.54		9,588.12
Veterans Services	46,594.22	46,182.95		411.27
Education	1,322,763.62	1,292,454.26	27,280.99	3,028.37
Libraries	67,382.66	66,056.35	456.24	870.07
Recreation	139,349.96	118,949.27	11,906.74	8,493.95
Pensions	93,606.73	92,853.11		753.62
Celebrations	3,125.00	2,787.65		337.35
Unclassified	193,443.30	179,055.92	6,913.37	7,474.01
Water	124,024.13	119,251.12		4,773.01
Cemeteries	46,956.22	45,647.47	1,278.80	29.95
Interest	5,300.00	4,460.43		839.57
Bills Payable	21,660.22	21,017.94		642.28
Hurricane Damage - Deficit		81,395.06		
Miscellaneous		1,777,396.58		
	3,842,991.62	5,481,629.03	110,547.30	109,606.93

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REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

January 31, 1955

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the City Clerk's Department for the year 1954 follows:-

The amounts received by the City Clerk for fees for official services from January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1954, were as follows:-

For recording and indexing fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses	$ 154.00
For recording and indexing dog licenses	344.60
For recording marriage certificates	534.00
For licenses to keep and store gasoline and other inflammable materials, and for filing certificates of registration of such licenses	1,843.00
For miscellaneous licenses	587.00
For copies of records, etc.	628.25
For recording and indexing mortgages of personal property and other instruments	1,975.39
Total Receipts	$6,066.24
Less Refunds	19.00
Total Net Receipts paid into City Treasury	$6,047.24

The sum of $3,821.00 has been received by this department for dog licenses issued from January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1954, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

For 839 male dogs at $2.00 each	$1,678.00
*For 113 female dogs at $5.00 each	560.00
*For 770 spayed female dogs at $2.00 each	1,538.00
For 2 kennel licenses at $10.00 each	20.00
For 1 kennel license at $25.00 each	25.00
Total received for dog licenses	$3,821.00

* One female dog license and one spayed female dog license were issued without charge for seeing-eye dogs.

In addition to the above, 71 licenses were issued without charge for dogs owned by persons serving in the armed forces.

Of the above amount received for dog licenses, $3,476.40 was paid to the County of Middlesex, and $344.60, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

MELROSE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MELROSE, MASS.

The sum of $2,035.25 has been received for fishing, hunting, sporting and trapping licenses issued from January 1, 1954, to December 31, 1954, inclusive, in the following numbers and amounts:-

Resident Citizen Fishing licenses - 320 at $3.25 each . .	$1,040.00
Resident Citizen Hunting licenses - 121 at $3.25 each . .	393.25
Resident Citizen Sporting licenses - 84 at $5.25 each . .	441.00
Resident Citizen Minor Fishing licenses - 46 at $1.25 each	57.50
Resident Citizen Female Fishing licenses - 42 at $2.25 each	94.50
Special Non-Resident Fishing licenses - 2 at $2.75 each . .	5.50
Duplicate licenses - 3 at $.50 each	1.50
Non-Resident Military or Naval Sporting licenses - 1 at $2.00 each	2.00
Resident Citizen (over 70) Sporting licenses - 32 (free). .	00.00
Resident Citizen Military or Naval Sporting licenses - 23 (free)	00.00
Total	$2,035.25

Of the above amount, $1,881.25 has been paid to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Division of Fisheries and Game, and the balance of $154.00, representing Clerk's fees, has been paid into the City Treasury.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births Recorded

Children born in Melrose of Melrose parents	131
Children born outside of Melrose of Melrose parents . . .	92
Children born in Melrose of non-resident parents	286
Total number of births recorded	509

Marriages Recorded

Both parties resident and solemnized in Melrose	33
Both parties resident and solemnized elsewhere in state .	10
Both parties resident and solemnized out of state	2
One party resident and solemnized in Melrose	89
One party resident and solemnized elsewhere in state . .	118
One party resident and solemnized out of state	16
Both parties non-resident and solemnized in Melrose . . .	14
Total number of marriages recorded	282

Deaths Recorded

Melrose residents occurring in Melrose	252
Melrose residents occurring elsewhere	79
Non-residents occurring in Melrose	136
Non-residents occurring elsewhere and buried in Melrose .	2
Total number of deaths recorded	469

Raymond H. Greenlaw

Raymond H. Greenlaw, City Clerk

REPORT OF THE CITY TREASURER AND COLLECTOR

The Honorable Mayor and
Board of Aldermen,
City Hall,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report as City Treasurer and Collector for the year 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Homer Buttrick

S.Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

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CITY TREASURER
CASH STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR 1954

Cash in Bank and Office, January 1, 1954	$ 486,430.86
Receipts, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954	$5,370,016.84
	$5,856,447.70

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Payments, January 1, 1954 to December 31, 1954	$5,506,629.03
Balance, Cash in Bank and Office December 31, 1954	$ 349,818.67
	$5,856,447.70

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LOANS IN ANTICIPATION OF TAXES

Authorized by Aldermanic Order #10830A	$1,000,000.00
Notes paid in 1954	$1,000,000.00
Balance due in 1955	000.00
Rate of discount, average	.61%

TAX TITLE ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1954	$ 78.43	
Added during 1954	588.77	$667.20
Redemptions and Foreclosures	$ .00	
Balance, December 31, 1954	667.20	$667.20

FUNDS HELD BY THE CITY TREASURER
CEMETERY TRUST FUND

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	Cash	Securities	Total
In fund January 1, 1954	$22,762.36	$247,949.00	$270,711.36
In fund, December 31, 1954	22,755.36	256,749.00	279.504.36

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT

Receipts

City of Melrose, Collections		8,145.50	
Securities sold:			
Georgia Power Co.		1,000.00	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1954			
Savings Bank	$20,000.00		
Melrose Trust Company	2,762.36	$22,762.36	$31,907.86

Payments

Securities Purchased:			
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co	6,000.00		
Illinois Central Ry.	3,000.00	9,000.00	
Premiums paid		152.50	
Cash on hand, December 31, 1954			
Savings Bank	$20,000.00		
Melrose Trust Company	2,755.36	$22,755.36	$31,907.86

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1954	$894.03	
Income from Securities	9,222.13	$10,116.16

Payments

Interest paid on securities purchased	$102.16	
Melrose Trust Company; Box Rent	10.00	
City of Melrose, Income	8,658.34	
Balance, December 31, 1954	1,345.66	$10,116.16

LIST OF SECURITIES IN FUND

Illinois Central Ry.....1980.....3 1/4%	$3,000.00		
Atchison, Topeka, & Santa Re Ry1995.....4%	6,000.00		
Pennsylvania R.R.....1965.....4 1/4%	3,000.00		
New York Central Ry.....2013.....4 1/2%	3,000.00		
Boston Albany Ry.....1978.....4 1/4%	8,000.00		
Louisville & Nashville Ry.....2003.....2 7/8%	7,000.00		
Southern Pacific Ry.....1961.....2 7/8%	5,000.00		
Southern Pacific Oregon Ry.....1977.....4 1/2%	5,000.00		
Michigan Central Ry.....1957.....4%	2,000.00		
Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.....1996.....3 1/2%	5,000.00		
Cambria & Clearfield Ry.....1955.....4%	14,000.00		
Virginian Railroad.....1995.....3%	5,000.00		
Boston Edison Co.....1970.....2 3/4%	15,000.00		
Consolidated Edison.....1977.....2 5/8%	6,000.00		
Georgia Power Company.....1983.....3 3/4%	4,000.00		
Wisconsin Power & Light Co.....1971.....3 1/4%	5,000.00		
Ohio Power Co.....1983.....3 3/8%	2,000.00		
Pacific Gas & Electric.....1974-79.....3%	10,000.00		
Pennsylvania Electric.....1976.....2 3/4%	4,000.00		
Brooklyn Union Gas.....1976.....2 7/8%	5,000.00		
Central Maine Power.....1970.....3 1/2%	10,000.00		
Public Service of N.H.....1973.....3 1/4%	5,000.00		
Central Maine Power.....1976.....2 3/4%	5,000.00		
Central Vermont Public Service.1975.....2 3/4%	13,000.00		
Toledo Edison Co.....1977.....2 7/8%	3,000.00		
Connecticut Power & Light Co...1980.....3%	7,000.00		
Northern Indiana Public Service1973.....3 1/8%	8,000.00		
Wisconsin Public Service.....1971.....3 1/4%	5,000.00		
New Jersey Bell Telephone Co...1988.....3 1/8%	2,000.00		
Seattle Gas Co.....1976.....3 5/8%	6,000.00		
Arkansas Power & Light.....1974.....3 1/8%	2,000.00		
Montana Power Co.....1975.....2 7/8%	1,000.00		
American Tel & Tel Co.....1970-80.....2 3/4%	6,000.00		
Pacific Tel & Tel Co.....1985.....2 3/4%	8,000.00		
Metropolitan Edison Co.....1982.....3 1/4%	2,000.00		
Pennsylvania Power Co.....1982.....3 1/4%	2,000.00		
First National Bank,Boston.....159 shares	7,137.50		
Merchants National Bank, Boston.....12 shares	4,044.00		
National Shawmut Bank,Boston.....150 shares	4,212.50		
Newton-Waltham Bank & Trust Co.....59 shares	3,062.50		
Rockland Atlas National Bank,Boston....55 shares	3,600.00		
Second National Bank,Boston.....43 shares	5,692.50		
Melrose Co-operative Bank.....10 shares	2,000.00		
Merchants Co-op Bank.....20 shares	4,000.00		
U.S.Government Bonds.....	21,000.00	$256,749.00	
Cash, Savings Bank & Trust Company		22,755.36	
		$279,504.36	

REPORT OF THE CURRIER FUND
(Welfare Dept)

Amount in fund December 31, 1954		$ 24,763.39
Securities:		
N.Y.Central R.R. 4 1/2%	$2,000.00	
Southern R.R. 4%	5,000.00	
Melrose Savings Bank	14,599.63	
Malden Savings Bank	829.98	
Charlestown 5¢ Savings Bank	619.77	
Eliot Savings Bank	647.01	
19 shares First National Bank,Boston	1,067.00	$ 24,763.39

INCOME ACCOUNT

Balance, January 1, 1954	$44.12	
Income from Investments :	839.71	
Paid, City of Melrose		$750.00
Melrose Trust Co., Box Rent		5.00
Balance,December 31, 1954		128.83
	$883.83	$883.83

200TH ANNIVERSARY TOWN OF MELROSE

Balance, January 1, 1954	$54.41	
Income	1.64	
Balance, December 31, 1954		$56.05
	$56.05	$56.05

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' MEMORIAL BUILDING
($10,000 Corporate Stock - City of New York)

Dividends received by City of Melrose	$400.00	
Paid John C.F.Slayton Fund		$400.00
	$400.00	$400.00

SARAH E. CHEVER FUND
(Sewall Woods Park)
Fund amount $1500.00

Income received	$45.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$45.00
	$45.00	$45.00

ANDREW J. BURNETT MEMORIAL FUND
(Welfare Department)
Fund amount $2000.00

Income received	$60.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$60.00
	$60.00	$60.00

GEORGE EMERSON FUND

Balance, January 1, 1954	$9,597.62	
Estate of George Emerson	3,000.00	
Income	260.82	
Paid, City of Melrose		$ 2,000.00
Balance, December 31, 1954		10,858.44
	$12,858.44	$12,858.44

WYOMING CEMETERY FLOWER FUND
(Cemetery Department)

Income received	$84.08	
Paid, City of Melrose		$84.08
	$84.08	$84.08

SALE OF LOTS & GRAVES
(Cemetery Department)

Balance, January 1, 1954	$4,514,90	
Collections, 1954	7,247.00	
Income	139.61	
Paid, City of Melrose		$5,500.00
Balance, December 31, 1954		6,401.51
	$11,901.51	$11,901.51

WILLIAM BAILEY LIBRARY FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
Fund amount $2500.00

Income received	$75.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$75.00
	$75.00	$75.00

WILLIAM EMERSON BARRETT FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
(Fund amount $75.00)

Income received	$2.26	
Paid, City of Melrose		$2.26
	$2.26	$2.26

HORATIO NELSON PERKINS FUND
(Melrose Public Library)
(Fund amount $500.00)

Income received	$15.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$15.00
	$15.00	$15.00

COMMUNITY CIVICS FUND
(School Department)
(Fund amount $50.00)

Income received	$1.50	
Paid, City of Melrose		$1.50
	$1.50	$1.50

SARAH E FITCH FUND
(School Department)

Balance, January 1, 1954	$556.46	
Income	16.80	
Balance, December 31, 1954		$573.26
	$573.26	$573.26

LEVI S GOULD FUND
(School Department)
(Fund amount $1000.00)

Income received	$30.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$30.00
	$30.00	$30.00

NORMAN HESSELTINE FUND
(School Department)
(Fund amount $100.00)

Income received	$3.00	
Paid, City of Melrose		$3.00
	$3.00	$3.00

MARGARET BAKEMAN WING
MEMORIAL AWARD FUND
(School Department)

1 share American Tel. and Tel. Stock

Balance, January 1, 1954	$87.10	
Income	9.85	
Paid, School Department		$ 5.00
Balance, December 31, 1954		91.95
	$96.95	$96.95

OSCAR F. FROST FUND
(Cemetery Department)

Income received	$35.52	
Paid City of Melrose		$35.52
	$35.52	$35.52

STALKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
(School Department)

CAPITAL ACCOUNT

Amount in fund December 31, 1954		$13,023.90
Securities:		
Seattle Gas Company	$5,000.00	
Pacific Gas & Electric	1,000.00	
American Tel.& Tel.Co.	3,000.00	
Arkansas Power & Light	2,000.00	
Public Service of N.H.	1,000.00	
Montana Power Company	1,000.00	
Melrose Savings Bank	23.90	$13,023.90

INCOME ACCOUNT

Receipts

Balance, January 1, 1954	$413.26	
Income from securities	429.75	$843.01

Payments

School Department, Tuition	$400.00	
Balance, December 31, 1954	443.01	$843.01

STABILIZATION FUND

Balance, January 1, 1954	$12,656.15	
Income	382.52	
Budget Appropriation	48,640.04	
Balance, December 31, 1954		$61,678.71
	$61,678.71	$61,678.71

COLLECTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 1954

TAXES:	1951	Poll	$ 8.00	
		Personal	64.40	$72.40
	1952	Poll	14.00	
		Personal	10.76	
		Real Estate	1,705.03	1,729.79
	1953	Poll	54.00	
		Personal	1,960.24	
		Real Estate	58,835.13	60,849.37
	1954	Poll	14,026.76	
		Personal	178,714.91	
		Real Estate	2,281,724.56	2,474,466.23
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE:				
	1951		7.41	
	1952		60.52	
	1953		34,308.27	
	1954		238,900.08	273,276.28
APPORTIONED SEWER:				
	1953(added to taxes)		572.29	
	1954(added to taxes)		9,815.29	
	(paid in advance)		10,939.32	21,326.90
APPORTIONED SIDEWALK:				
	1953(added to taxes)		492.16	
	1954(added to taxes)		3,606.89	
	(paid in advance)		1,886.41	5,985.46
APPORTIONED STREET:				
	1953(added to taxes)		151.57	
	1954(added to taxes)		6,792.81	
	(paid in advance)		6,721.67	13,666.05
COMMITTED INTEREST:				
	1953		290.89	
	1954		6,042.07	6,332.96
GENERAL INTEREST:				
	Taxes		1,704.31	
	Motor Vehicle Excise		141.01	
	Assessments		35.26	1,880.58
COLLECTOR'S COSTS				809.47
MUNICIPAL LIEN CERTIFICATES				1,304.00
BETTERMENT RELEASES				22.00
GENERAL WATER RATES				155,853.75
DEPARTMENTAL - ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE				
Police Dept:				
Ambulance Fund				378.00
Cemetery Dept:				
Sale of Lots and Graves				40.00
Memorial Bldg:				
Rental				2,511.70
Health Dept:				
T.B.				2,531.49

Public Welfare Dept:		
General Relief	3,051.51	
Old Age Assistance	181,316.35	
Aid to Dependent Children	8,509.90	
Disability Assistance Adm.	9,902.48	$ 202,780.24
Public Works Dept:		
Private Sewer	2,447.70	
Sale of Garbage	49.18	
Highway Repairing	319.96	
Individual Walks	139.86	
Water Inside Service	463.11	
Care of Trees	232.78	
Hydrant Rental	11,120.00	
City Hall Rental	900.00	15,672.59
School Dept:		
Rental	115.00	
Tuition	10,734.28	10,849.28
Veteran's Service:		
Veteran's Benefits & Services		15,380.61
		$3,267,719.15

Respectfully submitted,

S.Homer Buttrick
City Treasurer-Collector

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose 76, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I respectfully submit the annual report of the Melrose Fire Department for the year 1954.

Organization

The Fire Department consists of four companies.

Engine Company #1
Engine Company #2 ("Quad")
Engine Company #3
Aerial Ladder #1

Personnel

Chief of Department
1 - Acting Master Mechanic
5 - Captains
4 - Lieutenants
43 - Privates

Equipment

Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	Installed	1946
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	"	1946
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine ("Quad")	"	1953
Maxim - 750 gal. pumping engine	"	1929
Peter - Pirch Aerial Ladder	"	1935
Mack Service Rescue Truck	"	1939
Dodge Chief's Car	"	1953
Ford ½ ton pick-up truck	"	1954
Boat rescue unit fully equipped		
International - 500 gal. pumper & hose wagon	Auxiliary	
4 - Trailer hose wagons	"	
Trailer lighting plant	"	

All apparatus fully equipped with emergency and fire fighting tools.

Hose

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	10,950
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose	5,450
Number of feet of booster hose	3,100
Number of feet of dump hose	250

Hose Condemned 1954

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose	400
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose	250
Number of feet of booster hose	100

All hose tested at 200 pounds pressure.

Alarms and Special Calls

Total number of bell alarms	184
Total number of still alarms	289
Total number of emergency calls	530
Total number of false alarms	15
Apparatus called out of city	38

Apparatus called out of city

Malden	24
Wakefield	9
Stoneham	3
Reading	1
Saugus	1

Mutual Aid Calls to Melrose

Malden	25
Wakefield	9
Stoneham	3

Inspections

Number of Building Inspections	1350
Number of Oil Burner Inspections	520
Number of Tank Inspections	65
Number of Paint,Varnish etc. Inspections	48
Number of Liquid Gas Inspections	28
Number of Blasting Inspections	56
Number of Garage Inspections	47
Number of Incinerator and Burning Inspections	120

Permits Granted

Storage of Oil	410
Class A Inflamables	55
Explosives for Blasting	38
Liquid-Bottled Gas	23

Extinguishers refilled

Soda & Acid	278
Foamite	40
Carbon Tet.	28

Equipment Used

Number of feet of 2½ inch hose laid	12,450
Number of feet of 1½ inch hose laid	16,250
Number of feet of ladders raised	3,414
Number of covers used	21
Number of lbs. of CO2 used	53
Number of hours lighting plant used	16
Resuscitator-Inhalator used	17
Number of tanks of oxygen used	3 lg,& 19 sm.
Gas Masks used	9
Red Cross Heart mask used	21
Smoke ejector used	12
Oil dry used lbs.	390
Rubber gloves used	11
Portable pumps used	398
Wire cutters used	11
Total pumping hours of apparatus	86

Special Work

Ring Cutter	13
Gas indicator	2
Power saws	34
Open locked doors	29
Oil burner leaks	18
Cats in tree	23
Refrigerator leaks	3
Gas leaks	13
Short circuit	37
Flush gasoline from street	4
Automobile accidents	6
Smoke investigations	14
Person caught in wringer	1
Remove patient to hospital	2
Repair roof leaks	74
Investigate boiler trouble	1
Cover store windows	11
Automobile fires	2
Pumping out cellars	385
Washing machine fires	14
Replace flag pole ropes	4
Men assigned to schools,churches	6
Tank kit	6
Open locked automobiles	12
Chimney chains	5
Feet of tar paper used	300
Gas pump	20
Cover store windows	11
Clear live wires	41
Heart cases	35
Clear streets	21
Refrigerator dolly	3
Stretcher	2
Child playing with matches	9
Cutting trees	25
Boy in water	4
Smoking in bed	3

Fire Loss- Buildings & Contents

Number of buildings damaged	31
Value of buildings	$121,300.00
Loss on buildings	19,575.00
Insurance on buildings	291,100.00
Insurance paid on buildings	19,575.00
Value of contents	34,500.00
Loss on contents	2,552.50
Insurance on contents	31,800.00
Insurance paid on contents	2,552.50
Total fire loss - buildings & contents	$22,127.50

Emergency Calls

During the year of 1954, the department was called upon to perform many extra emergency calls. The regular department augmented by members of the auxiliary pumped out over 400 cellars during the spring floods. Also on August 31st and again on September 9th when the City of Melrose was hit by hurricanes Carol and Edna, emergency conditions prevailed keeping the department busy both night and day clearing streets, covering roofs and store windows, assisting electric company workers, and burning the accumulated slash and debris. The emergency conditions of 1954 were so great that for the second time in the past 50 years 15 blows were sounded on the fire alarm system which called out the National Guard. Through complete teamwork with all concerned the emergencies were quickly terminated.

Civil Defense Program

The Civil Defense Fire Department Auxiliary have continued to drill each week and are an excellent organization.On Saturday April 24, the entire department with Chief Field and Captain Lyons participated in a Civil Defense drillat Everett which incorporated the 42 cities and towns under the immediate Boston Civil Defense command. Engine 5, Captain Winsorin charge, with a crew of five;two trailer units, the auxiliary lighting plant,participated in drill with 25 other engine companies pumping from 12" tap.Thursday May 6, an emergency call was sent out to the entire department for pumping cellars;flooding conditions were prevalent throughout the city and members of the auxiliary department worked shoulder to shoulder with the men of the regular department throughout the weekend and into the following week.When hurricane Carol and Edna struck greater Boston all members of the auxiliary department who were not on vacation at the time responded immediately to assist the regular department.Over 300 hours was recorded during this period of destruction by the combined crews. Crews worked from morning until late at night including weekends with the men of the regular department.We are very proud of the work done by this group.

Conclusion

I desire to express my thanks and appreciation to his Honor, the Mayor, to the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and to all other Departments for their assistance in all matters pertaining to the Fire Department. To the officers and men of the department who rendered efficient service at all hours of the day and night, I wish to extend my sincere thanks.

Respectfully submitted,

Chief of Department.

REPORT OF THE LAW DEPARTMENT

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen of the
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The work of the Law Department of the City during the year 1954 has consisted in furnishing opinions to the various Departments of the City, meeting with and counseling with various Committees and Boards, and representing the City before various Courts and Commissions.

Petitions for the assessment of damages by reason of the taking of several parcels of property have been filed and answered, some of which have been compromised and disposed of and others are pending.

A considerable volume of interesting work has grown out of the passage by the Legislature of Chapter 674 of the Acts of 1953 which is called the Subdivision Control Law.

There have been routine numbers of claims and suits against the City for property damage and personal injury by reason of alleged defects in the ways; some of which it has been necessary to try to a conclusion.

Again, as a matter of routine, deeds and contracts have been drafted and other documents drafted or studied and modified or approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. VanAllen Thomason

City Solicitor

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL BUILDING TRUSTEES

To His Honor the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The Trustees of the Memorial Building herewith submit their Annual Report for the year 1954.

The rooms of this building are being used more and more by the various civic and military organizations as the years pass. This is highly commendable, and the Trustees are striving to keep the general maintenance always at a high level. But, to do this successfully, there must be occasional interior redecoration, as well as replacement of old and worn out equipment and likewise some exterior painting of the woodwork. As the years have passed since the erection of this memorial edifice in 1913, there have been light repairs made as were gradually evident, hence with forty years passing these needs have become more numerous and absolutely compulsory in their scope. However the Building is now in fairly good condition throughout, with the exception of some interior redecoration needed because of annual wall dampness.

During the year the Trustees were able through appropriation of funds, to replant the landscape in front of the building. The original planting, having been made some forty years ago, had become very unsightly and so necessitated an entire change. The new planting was done by the Melrose Nurseries, owned by Howard P. Shaw, with the selection of shrubs and design by Mrs. Harold L. Margeson. The bloom and foliage color through the seasons will be red, white and blue.

Unfortunately during the year there have been numerous breakdowns in the heating and plumbing systems of the building, but with careful and efficient work there have been immediate repairs and necessary replacement made, so that the use of the building has not been impaired.

The two hurricanes during the year caused some damage to the roof structure, along with the destruction of several of the electric light globes on the front pedestals on the stairs leading to the main central entrance. The maple tree at the north east corner of the grounds split so badly that it had to be removed.

In closing, the Trustees are constantly trying to keep this beautiful building in good structural condition doing each year those those items which become absolutely necessary for the general maintenance and safety of its rentors and their patrons. This plan prevents heavier expenses in future years.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salaries and Wages:

Appropriation	$5,742.68	
Revenue Order	153.60	
	$5,896.28	
Transfer to Other Expenses	300.00	$5,596.28
Expended		5,594.79
Balance		$ 1.49

Other Expenses:

Appropriation	$5,000.00	
Transfer from Other Expenses	300.00	
Additional Appropriation (Order #11300)	500.00	$5,800.00
Expended		5,794.16
Balance		$ 5.84

Respectfully submitted

TRUSTEES OF MEMORIAL BUILDING

Harold L. Margeson
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PARK DEPARTMENT

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Park Commission respectfully submits the forty-fifth Annual Report of the Park Department for the 1954 year.

Several pieces of necessary equipment were purchased to facilitate our working conditions.

The hockey rink on Tremont Street was partially filled in, a new rink excavated on the site near the Knoll which we hope to complete next year.

Work was continued on the Conant Road Playground with a backstop, bleachers, and fence erected. The Little Leaguers enjoyed the new Little League baseball area.

The work on the 1st Fairway of the Golf Course was undertaken. The brooks relocated, pipes laid and the brooks covered, then the land filled in, graded and seeded. The Park Commission very much appreciated getting this vital work done.

As a result of the hurricanes occurring on Tuesday, August 31st and on Saturday, September 11th, the Superintendent worked with his men using the Park trucks and equipment assisting other departments in clearing the obstructions from public highways. It was not until this emergency was over that he started to concentrate on this same type of work clearing Parks, Playgrounds, etc.

The Members of the Board of Park Commissioners take pleasure in expressing to His Honor, the Mayor the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and members of the City Government their appreciation for the co-operation.

Park Commissioners feel that the Superintendent and all employees of the department have conscientiously worked for the best interests of the City.

Following is a resume' of the work in the Park Department under the supervision of the Supt. F. J. Meehan with a complete financial statement.

Respectfully submitted,

For the

Melrose Park Commission

Chairman

Mr. Harold W. Poole, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Board of Park Commissioners

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit to the Park Commission my Annual Report for the year 1954.

1954 ANNUAL REPORT

The winter season which consists of the months of January, February, and December was a winter of mildness
The average temperature was four degrees above normal and snowfall was under 23 inches.
March had its chilly days but was slightly warmer than average.
Although a succession of storms produced nearly 12" of snow over a 4-day period in January, no single day had an accumulation of 5-inches.
On January 11th the greatest 24-hour total was 4.8"
December had only a trace of snow, all winter highest one-day total was half an inch in February and March boasted 1.5 inches.
The total number of skating days, etc.is shown in the following table:-

Ell Pond	5	Days
Ell Pond Rink	27	Days
Common Playground Area	28	Days
Conant Playground Area	32	Days
Hesseltine Playground Area	25	Days
Lebanon Playground Area	27	Days
Lincoln Playground Area	33	Days
Messenger's Playground Area	19	Days
Pond No. 1 Mt. Hood	15	Days
Pond No. 2 Mt. Hood	16	Days
Pond No. 3 Mt. Hood	13	Days
Coasting No. 1 Fairway Mt. Hood	14	Days
Ski Tow Mt. Hood - (4 After. - 6 Eves)	11	Sessions

PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

Work was continued on the Conant Road Playground excavating the hill on the North side, using this fill to reclaim swamp land on the South side, giving more solid ground for the playground area; extended fence along the brook for approximately 125 ft; erected Little League Bleachers; a Backstop; Little League Diamond and laid out and seeded the infield and outfield.
The Little League enjoyed the use of the Field, held their final inter-City playoffs at this location.

Undeveloped land is still available,by continuing reclaiming, we hope to have another baseball diamond in the near future.

Funds were made available for the construction of a New Ice Skating Rink near the Knoll at Ell Pond.

The brook between the Tennis Courts and Knoll running from the Parkway to the pond was relocated, covered and a 2-ft pipe installed.Then work was started by excavating.

In early December a temporary board Rink was set up for use this winter with the hope that an underpining and piles will be installed before another year for a permanent Rink with lights, etc.

The above Rink replaces the one formerly located on Tremont Street, which is now being filled in, the land to be used for future development.

A part time Director of Recreation was secured this year to work under the supervision of the Recreation Commission. The summer activities on the Playgrounds including Celebrations formerly under this Department now come under the new Commission. But the Playgrounds and areas as well as the equipment is maintained by this Department.

On Saturday, March 27th and on April 13th,the Melrose Little League tryouts for boys was held at the Hesseltine and Common Playgrounds.

Part of the festivities marking the opening of the Little League season was called off when the rain halted the Parade,and prohibited the flag raising and exhibition games scheduled to be held at the Athletic Field.

The Fields and Playground areas used for these games as well as for the men's Softball League with others were marked and kept ready for use during the season.

On May 1st the third Annual Melrose Lions Club Charity Horse Show was held at the Melrose Athletic Field. This is called one of the biggest one day Horse Shows in New England. Proceeds are used for Lion Club Charities.

Tennis Court fences,Backstop and Bleachers at Common; fences at Boulevard Tennis Courts; Lincoln Playground Bleachers; and Outdoor Playground standards were given a coat of aluminum paint; replaced one evergreen tree at Main Street side of Ell Pond with four at Horace Mann Park and should replace 8 to 10 maples at the Common next year.

The hard surface Tennis Courts at the Common and Lincoln were ready and in use on March 24th; Messenger's Meadow, March 29th and clay Courts on the Boulevard on April 16th.

ATHLETIC FIELD AND FIELD HOUSE

Painted Bleachers and iron work on North side of the field; Score Board was painted; an electric circuit to the Storage Building that is located underneath the Bleachers; stock room enlarged; additional lights installed; vents on the outside of the building covered and six new Bays for use in the stock room.

CLUBHOUSE

The outside of the Clubhouse was painted and the shingles stained; new storm windows were installed on all the windows in the ladies' and men's locker rooms; twenty-four restaurant chair seats recovered; repaired and purchased new mats for locker room; redecorated kitchen, serving room, entrance hall; erected hand rails at stone steps in front of building as a safety measure using some discarded tennis court pipe and had photographic pictures taken and post cards made of the building and hall.

GOLF COURSE

Due to the open winter we had transient players from 27th of February until December 3rd. But due to the cold, rainy spring and summer our receipts did not meet our hopes and expectations.

Development and construction of new homes on Slayton Road and adjacent areas brought heavy floods to the Golf Course caused by the new drainage system in that development.

To take care of this excess water one brook was relocated using 500 ft. of 2-ft pipe across the 1st and 2nd Fairways to Plymouth Circle; then installed 500 ft of 2-ft pipe in the Long Pond Brook to Plymouth Circle; filled in, graded and seeded the old brook and low lands in this location. This made the first part of the 2nd Fairway much wider, served a two-fold purpose, eliminating a water hazard from the Golf Course and from the cellars in the new homes nearby.

Many favorable comments were received from the golfers and abutters.

The steps at the 5th Tee were removed and a ramp installed for the convenience of Golfers using caddy carts; 12th and 18th Tees enlarged and sodded.

A brush fire on the 12th Fairway destroyed the Golf Shelter which will have to be replaced later.

Two cars on different evenings damaged the 14th Fairway but restitution was received covering the cost of the damage.

New equipment consisting of a tank sprayer, new Greens mower and grinder for mowing equipment was purchased and helped to facilitate the work.

On Sunday, October 3rd the fourth Annual Benefit Tournament for the Melrose Hospital was held under the auspices of the Mt. Hood Golf Association with $424.20 being turned over to the hospital.

MOUNT HOOD PARK

Sections of the road throughout the Park and the parking area at the Slayton Memorial Tower were tarred, an apron was built at 5th Tee to shed the water from the roadway to an underground culvert, thus averting washouts.

Sunrise service sponsored by the Melrose Council of churches held at 5:30 A.M. at the Slayton Memorial Tower

on Sunday, April 18th.

Ponds and fireplaces were very much enjoyed for fishing, cook-outs and picnics.

Skating , coasting and skiing areas were well patronized although the winter did not favor us with enough snow for winter sports. Our biggest snow storm in January found a nearby High School group renting the Hall for an all day "Winter Sports" affair. But we were sorry to have to cancel other sports groups , due to the lack of both snow and ice.

Sixty-five social affairs were held in the, " George W. Rogers Memorial Hall" with ten cancellations due to the prospective bridegrooms being unable to be here on the designated dates.

Source of Revenue

Subscriptions.....	$ 8,515.00	$ 8,945.00
Daily Fees.....	14,991.20	13,642.30
Locker Rentals.....	720.00	680.00
Transient Lockers, Soap & Towels..	466.05	394.00
Hall Rentals.....	3,162.00	2,863.00
Fireplace Permits & Wood.....	79.25	121.25
Ski Tow.....	238.75	543.25
Concessions.....	122.00	62.00
Rentals, Telephone, Elec, Etc.....	347.55	334.02
Restitutions, Etc.....	150.00	1,320.00
	$ 28,791.80	$ 28,904.82

HURRICANE

On Tuesday, August 31st between 11 A.M. and 12 noon, Hurricane Carol caused quite a bit of damage.

In the afternoon by 1 o'clock all our men were working clearing streets and highways until 10 o'clock that night , working right through the week-end and holiday as an emergency measure,using our trucks and equipment. They continued on this vital work for several weeks after which we had to concentrate on the Parks and areas.

All the Parks and Playgrounds were covered with falling trees, branches and debris'.

At the Lincoln Playground the backstop was damaged, 50 ft. of 6 ft. chain link fence; Common Playground corner of the tennis court fence damaged;necessitating replacing a 2½ inch post, 20 ft. chain link fence; Conant Playground had to dismantle and replace approximately 20 ft of damaged chain link fence; Ell Pond Bathhouse roof and skylight damaged; ventilator at Field House blown off;15 Bleacher seat boards on the South Bleachers; 3 large lilac bushes destroyed at Bowden Park; shingles lifted and blown off the Clubhouse roof, Golf ticket booth, 5 Golf Shelters, Storage Building, 2 Pump Houses, Ski Tow House a sectional window in restaurant blown in and smashed; countless loads of debris' from all over the City dumped in center of

Common Playground and burned continually 24-hours a day for 3 weeks or more. This area will have to be thoroughly renovated before reseeding next year and following is a list of tree damage, etc on the various Parks, etc.

Boylen Square

Debris'

Belmont Park

Debris'

Elm Street

1 Tree Damaged
Debris'

Lloyd Square

2 small Trees Damaged

Athletic Field

Debris'

Lebanon Playground

1 Tree Damaged

Hesseltine Playground

4 Trees Down
2 Trees Damaged
Debris'

Conant Playground

2 Trees Down
2 Trees Damaged

Messenger's Playground

10 Willow Trees Badly Damaged
2 Willow Trees Down
Debris' - Entire Area

Colby Park

2 Trees Damaged

Sewall Woods Park

50-75 Trees Damaged & Broken
Debris' - Entire Area

Bishop Square

Covered with Debris'

Bowden Park

3 Large Lilacs Gone
1 Tree Damaged
Debris'

Horace Mann Park

2 Trees Damaged
Debris' - Entire Area

Main Street Ell Pond

1 Large Evergreen
8 Trees Damaged
Debris'

Lincoln Playground

2 Large Elms Down
3 Small Maples Down
3 Trees Damaged
Debris' - Entire Area

Common Playground

25 Trees Damaged
4 Large Trees Down
2 Trees - Come Down
Debris'
Renovate - Center Area
100' X 100'

Ell Pond Knoll

5 Trees Down
4 Trees - Come Down
16 Trees Damaged
Broken Limbs
Debris'

Vaughan Square

Debris'

Poplar Square

Debris'

Mount Hood - Rear of Clubhouse

3 Large Trees Down
Debris'

Mount Hood First Nine Holes

49 Trees Down
75 Trees Damaged
2 Trees Down and 7 Damaged at No. 1 Fireplace
9 Trees Down and 15 Damaged - Back of Tower Fireplace
14 Trees Down in Woods with approximately 100 Damaged

Mount Hood Second Nine Holes

45 Trees Down
100 + Damaged

On September 11th Hurricane Edna added to our woes with more devastating winds and six inches of rain.

In closing I wish to take this opportunity to extend to His Honor, the Mayor, the Honorable Board of Aldermen, and Members of the Park Commission my sincere thanks for their splendid co-operation.

To the Heads of all Departments my appreciation for their help and I believe all employees of the Park Department should be commended for the interest shown in their part of the work during this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Francis Meehan
Superintendent of Parks

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

General Administration - Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 10,218.45
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 10,218.05	
Unexpended Balance	$ 0.40	

General Administration - Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 1,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Insurance	$ 147.35	
Office Supplies	248.19	
Printing - Advertising	73.08	
Telephone	239.96	
	$ 708.58	
Unexpended Balance	$ 291.42	

All Other Salaries & Wages

Appropriation		$ 28,030.94
Expenditures:-		
Payrolls	$ 26,974.02	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1,056.92	

All Other Expenses

Appropriation		$ 7,000.00
Refunds		4.95
		$ 7,004.95
Expenditures:-		
Automotive Maintenance	$ 1,117.14	
Automotive Insurance	469.20	
Labor Insurance	727.60	
First Aid Supplies	26.58	
Printing & Advertising	107.57	
Loam-Fertilizer-Grass Seed, Etc	525.45	
Playground Maintenance	708.46	
Paint - Hardware - Lumber	264.69	
Tools - Repairs	843.10	
Telephone - Electricity	67.61	
Repairs - Bldgs & Flags	49.42	
Water & Service	114.64	
Fuel - Heat & Service	248.13	
Plants - Seedlings, Etc	70.16	
Sand - Playgrounds	25.72	
Replace Trees	119.00	
	$ 5,484.47	
Unexpended Balance	$ 1,520.48	

Athletic Field - Renovate Track

Appropriation	$ 1,000.00

Same Carried to 1955

Athletic Field & Field House Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation		$ 7,000.00
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Insurance	$ 3,107.14	
Tools - Repairs	1,253.29	
Fuel Oil & Service	426.29	
Janitor & Building Supplies	150.64	
Electricity	83.42	
Water - Service	78.50	
Loam - Lime - Fertilizer - Etc.	415.00	
Paint Bleachers, Etc	475.14	
Winterize & Connect Bldg.	133.20	
Equipment Rentals	199.85	
	$ 6,322.47	
Unexpended Balance	$ 677.53	

Backstop - Little League

Appropriation		$ 800.00
Expenditures:-		
Backstop	$ 475.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 325.00	

Bleachers - Little League

Appropriation		$ 1,500.00
Expenditures:-		
Bleachers	$ 1,156.45	
Unexpended Balance	$ 343.55	

Christmas Decorations

Appropriation		$ 150.00
Expenditures	$ 133.59	
Unexpended Balance	$ 16.41	

Conant Playground - Fence

Balance From 1953		$ 329.00
Expenditures	$ 322.00	
Unexpended Balance	$ 7.00	

Conant Playground - Improvement

Balance From 1953		$ 469.24
Appropriation		2,000.00
		$ 2,469.24
Expenditures:-		
Rental of Equipment	$ 2,229.03	
Loam	183.23	
	$ 2,412.26	
Unexpended Balance	$ 56.98	

Melrose Jr. Fish & Game

Departmental Transfer		$ 113.93
Expenditures:-		
Services	$ 97.50	
Insurance	5.47	
Rent Films	10.96	
	$ 113.93	

Hockey Rink Gravel Fill & Repairing

Balance From 1952	$ 627.12	

Same Carried to 1955

Holidays - Labor Vacation - Insurance

Appropriation		$ 3,600.00
Expenditures	$ 3,464.13	
Unexpended Balance	$ 135.87	

Golf Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation From ,"Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts"		$21,835.00
Refunds		297.70
		$22,132.70
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Wages	$15,164.25	
Bonds - Insurance	592.21	
Printing - Advertising	309.45	
Golf Supplies	697.56	
Automotive & Insurance	638.48	
Tools - Supplies - Repairs	692.04	
Fertilizers - Fungicides	577.27	
Loam - Sand, Etc	336.66	
Laundry - Soap - Towels	275.63	
Repairs - Buildings - Shelters, Etc	77.20	
Water - Service	0.52	
New Equipment	1,131.60	
	$20,492.87	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood Park Rcpts"	$ 1,639.83	

Hurricane Damage - 1954

Expenditures:-	
Payrolls & Insurance	$ 3,081.51
Repairs - Bldgs - Fences - Etc	1,138.64
Tools - Supplies	277.32
	$ 4,497.47

Land Purchase - Rear Lake Avenue

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expenditures:-		
Purchase Land	$ 500.00	

Mt. Hood Drain Pipe - Cover Brook

Appropriations From,"Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts"		$ 7,500.00
Expenditures:-		
Equipment Rentals	$ 214.03	
Loam	987.00	
Cover Brook	6,190.11	
	$ 7,391.14	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood Park Rcpts"	$ 108.86	

New Hockey Rink - Ell Pond

Appropriation		$ 2,500.00
Expenditures:-		
Rental of Equipment and Labor	$ 1,032.42	
Balance to 1955	$ 1,467.58	

Operation Recreation Building

Appropriation From,"Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts"		$ 8,275.00
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Wages	$ 3,942.23	
Fuel Oil - Service	800.78	
Printing - Advertising	149.87	
Janitor & Building Supplies	210.29	
Water - Service	97.40	
Electricity	201.15	
Repairs	157.35	
Paint & Stain - Outside Building	565.30	
New Storm Sash	485.00	
Liability Insurance	33.91	
Repair Rubber Mats (Locker Rooms)	230.30	
	$ 6,873.58	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood Park Rcpts"	$ 1,401.42	

New Truck

Appropriation		$ 2,350.00
Expenditure	$.2,350.00	

Out-of-State Travel

Appropriation		$ 313.78
Expenditures	$ 313.78	

Park - Playground - Beach Improvement

Balance	$ 263.41

Same Carried to 1955

Recreation Building - Ell Pond

Balance	$ 2,811.71

Same Carried to 1955

Ski Tow - Maintenance & Operation

Appropriation From,"Mt. Hood Memorial Park Receipts"		$ 2,050.00
Refunds - Gasoline Tax		3.30
		$ 2,053.30
Expenditures:-		
Salaries & Insurance	$ 453.72	
Supplies & Repairs	32.43	
	$ 486.15	
Balance to,"Mt. Hood Park Rcpts"	$ 1,567.15	

Tar Roads & Walks - Mt. Hood Park

Appropriation		$ 500.00
Expenditures	$ 415.80	
Unexpended Balance	$ 84.20	

Toilet & Field House

Balance	$ 643.52

Same Carried to 1955

REPORT OF THE PERSONNEL BOARD

Honorable Mayor Lawrence W. Lloyd
and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

1954 was the third complete year for the Personnel Board in its administration of the Salary Administration Plan - 26 Meetings were held; 31 Hearings were included in these Meetings; 137 Decisions were written.

Tentative changes in the Ordinances have been sent to the Board of Aldermen for ratification.

The membership changed during 1954. Mr. Nicholas P. Flynn joined the Board in April. Vacancies caused by the expiration of terms in June of Messrs. Walter E. Trask, Chairman and Geoffrey G. Felt, were filled by the appointments of Messrs. William B. Alexander and Horace H. Feltham. Mr. Flynn was unanimously elected to the Chairmanship. Due to the pressure of personal business, Mr. LeRoy Batemen submitted his resignation in August. Present membership - Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman; Harold F. Watts, Clerk; Horace H. Feltham and William B. Alexander.

An adjustment in the wage scale was made early in the year to effect an increase for the lower clerical and laboring groups -55-56-67-68-69-70. Groups 57, 71 and 72 were eliminated from the Salary Administration Plan as having no apparent use, the positions embraced by the latter two groups having been transferred to Group 70.

Communications were addressed to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen with regard to the 6% permanent adjustment recommended in 1953 applicable to all rates under the Plan.

Several surveys were made with neighboring communities as to the catagory and financial status of various positions for comparison with Melrose jobs.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicholas P. Flynn

Nicholas P. Flynn, Chairman
Personnel Board

REPORT OF PINE BANKS PARK

To his Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

As superintendent of Pine Banks Park, I herewith submit the following report for the year 1954.

Pine Banks Park was visited by many thousands of folks during 1954.

Our playgrounds and zoo were a great attraction for all ages and were in constant use as a recreational center.

During the year a young lamb and a young goat were donated to the park by citizens of Malden and Melrose.

Over 3500 plants in our greenhouse were later transplanted in our flower beds and rock gardens. We eliminated tulip planting in 1954, for the 1955 showing because of the poor results in the spring of 1954.

Our facilities were in great demand. We built two new fireplaces for charcoal burning. Several new picnic tables were placed out in the park. These tables were built by park employees. These fireplaces and picnic tables were used by many groups and organizations who visited us during the summer. A new set of hobby horses was purchased by the park for use by the small children.

Malden and Melrose YMCA used the ballfields for their day camp. The Malden Junior Police had their outing with close to 1000 boys who each received a box lunch. Boy scout troop 21 of the Immaculate Conception Church of Malden had an over night camp out. Over 35 boys and their leaders stayed from Friday night until Sunday afternoon. On Sunday morning they had an outdoor Mass and then served breakfast to their parents who visited them for inspection of scout routine. Many troops from both Malden and Melrose use the hills of the park for outings and jamborees.

Melrose campfire girls planted trees on Arbor Day. The Melrose girls had as their guests campfire girls from Malden, Everett and Stoneham.

Baseball and softball were just as popular as ever. Our fields were in use every evening. Teams using the fields were: Malden and Melrose little league, Malden and Melrose minor little league, Melrose softball league, Malden banks and many others.

Malden Vocational High School had their football practise at the ballfield from September to November.

On August 31st Pine Banks Park was hit with hurricane Carol and on September 11th with hurricane Edna. The employees of the park assisted Melrose Public Works during the night, removing trees with their power saw. The park lost 450 trees. We lost 15 beautiful cedar trees on the front avenue. At the zoo a large pine tree came down on the cages and ruined several which had to be rebuilt. Mr. Cray with his employees rescued the animals and housed them in the garage until the danger was over. Hurricane labor was hired under the hurricane emergency plan and the park was cleared of all the fallen trees and debris. The pine trees that

fell were cut into lumber and all the hard wood trees were cut into cord wood for use in the cabin and fireplaces.

During the heavy rains in April a large pine tree on the front avenue was uprooted and it fell onto one of our tulip beds and ruined 450 plants which were in bloom. The fallen tree also blocked the entrance to the park. Had to close the park for several days until this was cleared away.

Several of our animals were exhibited at the Boston Sportmens show. Our animals were also shown at the Boy Scout Exhibition at the Malden Armory for their conservation jamboree.

The park had one its best Christmas displays in 1954. Each year we try to add something new. In 1954 we had a carral on the front lawn with three of our deer in it. With close to 500 lights and Santa and his reindeer along with his sleigh we received many compliments.

I wish to thank my trustees, my employees, Malden and Melrose Police Department, Malden and Melrose Fire Department and all other departments who in any way assisted me during 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

George F Gray

Superintendent, Pine Banks Park

Cash on hand December 31, 1954 in the First National Bank Savings Department, as shown by pass book #15223 $978.18

Appropriations

City of Malden		
Salaries	$8726.26	
Sundry expenses	2800.00	
Travel account	100.00	
Sylvan St. fill	2000.00	$13626.26
City of Melrose		
Salaries	8529.76	
Sundry expenses	2800.00	
Travel account	100.00	
Sylvan St. fill	2000.00	13429.76
Total appropriation for both cities		$27056.02

Expenditures

City of Malden		
Salaries	$7512.40	
Sundry expenses	2797.35	
Travel account	90.00	
Sylvan St. fill	1986.17	$12385.92
City of Melrose		
Salaries	7550.83	
Sundry expenses	2798.64	
Travel account	90.00	
Sylvan St. fill	1979.67	12419.14
Total expenditures for both cities		$24805.06
Unexpended		
City of Malden	$1240.34	
City of Melrose	1010.62	2250.96
Total expenditures and balances		$27056.02

Hurricane items: No appropriation and payments received

City of Malden		
Salaries	$3957.36	
Expenses	499.51	$4456.87
City of Melrose		
Salaries	3840.64	
Expenses	505.29	4345.93
Total hurricane expenses for both cities		$8802.80

Robert A. Hodgdon Trees.

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The City Planning Board herewith submits its report for the year 1954.

The twenty-one meetings of the Board resulted in the following action:

1 - Mount Hood Terr. Subdivision - approved and filed in Land Court.
2 - Carlida Road Subdivision - approved and filed in Registry.
3 - Boston Rock Rd. Ext. Subdivision-(app.1953) filed in Land Court.
4 - Permission granted to the Transitron Electric Corp. to operate an open-air parking space for their own use in the rear 407 Main Street.
5 - Permission granted to the Casey Florist Company to erect a new building for a salesroom at 93 Maple Street.
6 - Recommendation (after public hearing) to the Board of Aldermen that certain changes be made in the City Ordinances transferring the power of Permissive Use formerly held by the Planning Board to the Board of Appeal. Since the Board of Appeal already held jurisdiction over most of these appeals, it was the opinion of all concerned and suggested by the Board of Aldermen that the Board of Appeal administer all such cases.

The lay-out and construction of the following streets was approved: Plymouth Circle, Heywood Ave., Russell St., Stowecroft & Sawyer Rds.

The Board appreciates the advice and assistance from the State Planning Board, the City Solicitor, City Clerk, City Engineer, Building Commissioner and Board of Health in revising the 1943 Melrose Regulations for Subdivision of Land to conform with the new State Subdivision Control Law, Chap. 41, G.L., Secs. 81-A to 81-GG, inc. This revision was completed and adopted by the Planning Board on February 8, 1954 and filed with the Registry of Deeds and the Land Court. Fifty copies were mimeographed, pending further revision arising from use or change in State Law.

Since the enaction of the above State Law, new duties have been required of Planning Boards operating, like Melrose, under this law. One of these is Planning Board action on any change in boundary of a lot of land and certain other technicalities concerned with transfers of ownership. Each and every plan must be signed to the effect that "Planning Board Approval (is) Is Not Required Under the Subdivision Control Law". In 1954, sixty-two of these plans were executed by the Board which examined them for conformity to Melrose zoning, approval of the Building Commissioner and the filing of proper forms with the City Clerk and Board.

Respectfully submitted,

MELROSE PLANNING BOARD
William L. Bailey, Chairman

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 1, 1955

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
The Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 29 of the Revised Ordinances, I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Melrose Police Department for the Year ending December 31, 1954.

Number of duty calls	69,911
Number of telephone calls	6,515
Number of radio calls	2,107
Number of ambulance calls	771

ARRESTS FOR THE YEAR 1954

Offenses against the person:		
Robbery, armed	3 Males	0 Females
Assault & Battery on Police Officer	2 Males	0 Females
Threats & Intimidations	1 Male	0 Females
Total	6 Males	0 Females
Offenses against property:		
Breaking and entering and larceny	2 Males	0 Females
Larceny	9 Males	0 Females
Concealing Mortgaged property	1 Male	0 Females
Using Motor Vehicle without authority	1 Male	0 Females
Larceny, attempt	1 Male	0 Females
Forgery and Uttering	2 Males	0 Females
Total	16 Males	0 Females
Offenses against Public Order:		
City Ordinance violations	8 Males	0 Females
Drunkeness	38 Males	1 Female
Motor Vehicle violations	93 Males	2 Females
Traffic Violations	96 Males	22 Females
Operating motor vehicle under influence	8 Males	1 Female
Insane	2 Males	2 Females
Non-support	4 Males	0 Females
Violation of Probation	10 Males	0 Females
Health Law violations	1 Male	0 Females
Non-payment of wages	6 Males	0 Females
Female, accosting and annoying	1 Male	0 Females

Disorderly conduct	1 Male	0 Females
Prisoner, escaped	1 Male	1 Female
Lewdness	0 Males	3 Females
Conspiracy	1 Male	0 Females
Illegitimacy	2 Males	0 Females
Fugitive from Justice	2 Males	0 Females
Disturbing the peace	2 Males	0 Females
Vagrancy	0 Males	1 Female
Violation of Parole	1 Male	0 Females
Default Warrants	1 Male	0 Females
A.W.O.L. - Military	1 Male	0 Females
Dog Law violations	1 Male	1 Female
Indecent exposure	1 Male	0 Females
Fireworks, unlawfully discharging	1 Male	0 Females
False Alarms, ringing of	1 Male	0 Females
School Regulations, violation of	0 Males	1 Female
Runaway	0 Males	1 Female
Truancy	0 Males	2 Females
Total offenses against public order	283 Males	38 Females

Arrests on Warrants	32
Arrests without Warrants	339
Total	371
Males	333
Females	38
Minors	16
Delinquents	15
Residents	187
Non-residents	184
Insane Males	2
Insane Females	2
In Court	377
Number of Cases	573
Assisted in arrests	93
Accidents reported	440
Ambulance cases	771
Automobiles stopped and warned	1150
Automobiles tagged (1727 3-way summonses issued out of 2128 tags)	2128
Buildings found open	282
Cases investigated	2545
Dead bodies found	2
Defective streets and sidewalks	14
Defective hydrants and pipes	2
Defective wires	6
Disturbances surpressed	1
Dogs killed	5

Fire Alarms attended	141
Fire Alarms given	9
Fires extinguished without alarm	7
Lanterns hung in dangerous places	73
Letters delivered	845
Lost children restored	61
Notices served	6
Sick and injured persons assisted	152
Street lights reported out	414
Street obstructions reported or removed	15
Summonses served	738
Visits to Libraries	144
Water leaks reported	13
Traffic duty	19,300
Special messages	396
Extra duty	145
Dog bites	2
Dead animals	21
Vacant houses	5,736
Autos stolen	3
Autos recovered	6
Missing persons reported	3
Missing persons located	8
Gas leaks reported	2
Amount of property recovered in City	$ 5,517.35
Amount of property stolen in City	$ 1,229.00
Lost property returned to owner	$ 5,412.35

At this time, I wish to commend the members of this department for their co-operation and loyalty in maintaining the efficiency of the Department. I further wish to commend the Auxiliary Police for their co-operation and loyalty in the past year in assisting this department in the performance of the several duties assigned to them.

In conclusion, I desire to express my appreciation to his Honor the Mayor, to the Honorable Board of Aldermen and to all City Departments for their assistance and co-operation in the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

George D. MacWilliams

George D. MacWilliams
Captain-in-charge
Melrose Police Department

REPORT OF THE PROPERTY VALUATION BOARD

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Property Valuation Board submits, herewith, its annual report for the year 1954. The following parcels of land were disposed of during the year.

Lot No. and Location	Selling Price
Bay State Road, Lots 4,5,6,7,8,9,22,23,24,25	$ 900.00
Beech Avenue, Lot 58	100.00
2 Parcels	$1,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Malcolm G. Fillmore Louis C. Hennigar

Chairman

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

for the
Year ending December 31, 1954

TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Edwin W. Lundquist, Chairman

William L. Carney

Herbert L. Hammond

Melvin H. Nicholls, January - March

Elisabeth M. Perkins

Elinor H. Tibbetts

Howard B. Wilder, April - December

THE LIBRARY STAFF

Helen Anderson, Librarian
Barbara G. Mason, Assistant Librarian
Caro F. Nims, Children's Librarian
Margaret Lorenz, Cataloger
Isabel C. Lee, Reference Librarian
Rhoda M. Parmenter, Circulation Librarian
Gene R. Hanks, Highlands Branch Librarian
Katherine J. Watson, General Assistant (Children's)
Audrey C. Bergmann, General Assistant (Cataloger)
Patricia Hjerpe Stephen, General Assistant (Circulation)
Ruth Winship, General Assistant (Highlands)
Ethel M. Perkins, Assistant, East Side Branch
M. Pearl Rawding, Assistant, Ward 7 Branch
Jean P. Sewell, Assistant, Wyoming Branch
Edwin W. Allen, Building Custodian

March 2, 1955

To His Honor the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

We submit herewith the annual report of the Public Library for the year ending December 31, 1954.

In April, 1953, your Library celebrated the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Library building by a series of programs during the week of April 20. The progress made during the past fifty years was surprising and gratifying in many respects. We hope that our progress has only begun.

During the year the Board of Trustees lost the services of Dr. Melvin H. Nicholls. The Board misses his help and judgment which it had become accustomed to during the prior six years. Mr. Howard B. Wilder, formerly principal of our High School, has taken his place.

Improvement of facilities in the basement were completed in 1954, making available for use areas formerly needed for the storage of coal. The staff room and the children's librarian's office have solved some problems of long standing. Two hurricanes did some damage to the roof and windows requiring major repairs. They brought to attention again the need for complete replacement of the roofing which was installed at the time of construction of the building in 1904.

The library again shows increases in circulation of books and in registrations. It is interesting to note that the largest increases have been registered by the children's department.

We acknowledge the fine cooperation of our Mayor and Board of Aldermen, the librarian and her assistants in making possible this progress.

Respectfully submitted,
Edwin W. Lundquist
Chairman
Board of Trustees

LIBRARY STATISTICS ACCORDING TO
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION FORM

Name of library	Melrose Public Library
City and state	Melrose, Massachusetts
Name of librarian	Helen Anderson
Date of founding	1871
Population.....(annual listing - City of Melrose)	28,538
Number of agencies.....	Main library, 1 branch, 3 branches in schools
Number of days open during the year	290
Hours open each week.....	Main Library 63 (10 months); 55 (2 months)
Number of volumes at beginning of year	66,471
Number of volumes added by purchase	3,847
Number of volumes added by gift	157
Number of volumes withdrawn	1,522
Number of volumes at the end of the year	68,953
Circulation of books	229,313
Number of registered borrowers	12,951

50th ANNIVERSARY

1954 marked the fiftieth year of the Public Library in its present building. The week of April 20 - 23 was set aside for celebration.

The first program, sponsored by Pond feilde Club, and Old State House Chapter, D. A. R., presented the historical and genealogical resources of the library. Mrs. Walter G. Anderson described the historical background of the library and the dedication of the present building. A biographical sketch of Mrs. Mary A. Livermore was given by her granddaughter, Mrs. Ethel M. Jameson.

The second program, sponsored by the Beethoven Society, was a musicale by an ensemble including Henry Knighton, Mrs. William Donovan, Harold Sewall, Elizabeth Lobdell, and David Knighton.

Third was a program sponsored by the Melrose Mother's Club in which Virginia Haviland of the Boston Public Library gave a resume of children's books. Mrs. Caro Nims, Children's Librarian presided.

The fourth program, sponsored by High School PTA was planned to describe our reference services, Howard B. Wilder, Trustee, and Mrs. Isabel Lee, Reference Librarian, telling of general items and Paul Messer of the Melrose Trust Co. talking on the library's Business services.

Arts and crafts were featured on the fifth program, sponsored by the Melrose Arts and Crafts Society. Participants were Mrs. Roger Rand, Mrs. Tirrell Coffelt, Mrs. Charles Davis, and Mrs. Henry A. Schaake.

A How-to-Do-It demonstration was sponsored by the Jerry Jingle Craftsmen as sixth of the programs, members exhibiting their methods. Participants were Mrs. Violet Morell, Mrs. Winifred Cooper, Mrs. Rose Murray, and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Leigh.

Book Reviews, sponsored by the Scribblers, and planned by Mrs. Percy F. Tibbetts, Trustee, were given by Mrs. Percy L. Wetmore of the Highlands Woman's Club, Mrs. William B. Alexander, of the Melrose Woman's Club, Mrs. Mary S. Jackson and Mrs. Samuel Eldridge, both of the Scribblers, for the seventh program.

The Great Books Discussion Group, led by Willard J. Stanewick, was open to visitors for the eighth and last of the anniversary programs.

Yellow flower arrangements, furnished by the Melrose Garden Club, graced the library during the entire week's celebration. Mrs. Harry Brettell, as chairman, together with Mrs. James B. Dobbins, Mrs. Ralston Stiles, and Mrs. H. Stanley Tobey arranged and refreshed the flowers during the entire week. Donations of flowers came from Mrs. Harold Margeson, Mrs. Warren Trask, Mrs. Francis Austin, Mrs. H. G. Todd, Mrs. R. A. Stiles, Mrs. A. A. Bonzagni, Mrs. Fred Barkley, and Miss Edith Dennison. The florists were very generous. Flowers came from the Buchanan, the Casey, the Cefalo, and the Melrose Florist Companies.

Preceding the week set aside, two meetings were held to acquaint people with the art resources of the library.

Mrs. Bernard T. Bryan reviewed books in the field of ecclesiastical art, from the Odlin Collection, on the February 25th meeting, sponsored by the Melrose Woman's Club. The March 25th meeting, sponsored by the Highlands Woman's Club, was devoted to decorative art. Asbury W. Schley librarian of the Lucius Beebe Memorial Library in Wakefield, exhibited and described beautiful book bindings.

THEN AND NOW

Bearing in mind the population differences,
Number of VOLUMES in library was:
1904 - 15,009, or 1.1 books per capita (pop. 12,962 - 1900)
1954 - 66,471, or 2.3 books per capita (pop. 28,538)
BOOKS added:
1904 - 539
1954 - 4,004 (2,579 adult, 1,425 juvenile)
Reading habits: CIRCULATION OF BOOKS
1904 - 50,631 or 3 books per capita
76 % was fiction and juvenile
24 % was non-fiction
1954 - 229,313 or 8 books per capita
77 % was fiction and juvenile
Of the adult, 61% was fiction, 39% non-fiction
Largest number of books issued in one day
1904 - 519
1954 - 979 (following Washington's Birthday-Main only)
740 (normal largest day - Main library)
Smallest number of books issued in one day
1904 - 76 (Stormy)
1954 - 39 (Hurricane Carol)

Books borrowed - 1954 and 1953 compared:

	In 1954	In 1953
Adult - Main Library	108,628	102,025
Highlands	16,596	16,216
East Side	2,413	2,707
Ward 7	5,126	5,129
Wyoming	2,760	2,533
Total Adult	135,523	128,610
Juvenile - Main Library	33,289	32,293
Highlands	19,015	16,462
East Side	8,504	7,778
Ward 7	6,541	5,917
Wyoming	6,818	5,639
At schools	19,623	17,939
Total juvenile	93,790	86,028
Grand total	229,313	214,638

REGISTERED BORROWERS:
1904 - 1,342 cards issued
1954 - 1,638 new cards issued. Total registration 12,951.

EXPENDITURES COMPARED:
1904 - New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co. $22.92
1954 - " " " " " " $305.38 (Main & Highlands)

1904 - Other Expenses - Miscellany - $52.52
1954 - Other Expenses $2,586.30

FINES TAKEN IN:
1904 - $ 107.52
1954 - 3,391.79

BOOK SELECTION

Quoting from the 1904 Report: "We welcome suggestions for new books and are always glad to comply with them as far as possible. The great majority of the community read to be rested and entertained and so there is always a demand for light fiction. This demand we aim to supply by the novels of the day which entertain and amuse. If to this simple qualification we add purity of style, a wholesome atmosphere of thought, skill in the delineation of character, imaginary portrayal of historic events, and occasionally a small plot, we nearly cover the range of present day fiction. The so-called "problem novel" dealing mainly with very dark and deplorable phases of character, or with criminal or immoral conditions surely has no place on the shelves of a public library."

CHANGING TIMES

Quoting from the library Bill of Rights formulated by the American Library Association in 1948, a much broader policy is in evidence:

"As a responsibility of library service, books and other reading matter selected should be chosen for values of interest, information, and enlightenment of all the people of the community. In no case should any book be excluded because of the race or nationality, or the political or religious views of the writer.

"...There should be the fullest practicable provision of material presenting all points of view...

"Censorship of books, urged or practiced by volunteer arbiters of morals or political opinion or by organizations that would establish a coercive concept of Americanism must be challenged by libraries..."

Further A. L. A. statement in 1953, "We trust Americans to recognize propaganda, and to reject obscenity..."

COMMENT ON SELECTION

Emphasis in 1954 both in library purchases and in publishing itself has continued the trend toward information, in the vast economic world, in current international events, in science and the essentials for good living. However, fiction still plays a conspicuous role. Here an endeavor is made to purchase plenty of the savory type of novel, while purchases are made in the field of realism to satisfy another segment of readers.

INFORMATION AND REFERENCE

Improving and broadening the sources of information included purchase of the following:

Grove' Dictionary of Music and Musicians. 9 vols. replacing the old 1900-4 edition
Shorter Cambridge Medieval History. 2 vols.
New Dictionary of American History.
Encyclopedia of Sports. 1 vol.
Encyclopedia of Arts. 1 vol.
Encyclopedia of Literature. 1 vol.
Century Cyclopedia of Names. 3 vols.
Dictionary of Business and Industry.
Standard Handbook for Secretaries
Japanese Dictionary - romanized characters.

Social Disorganization
Social Work Year Book
Directory of New England Manufacturers (kept at desk)

Constant vigilance by the reference librarian is maintained to select the most useful pamphlets published by the government.

Work with young people is continuing with Mrs. Lee's conscientious interest. Requests for information are welcomed from young and older persons alike. Cooperation with teachers whenever possible is desired.

THE LINSCOTT PAPERS

In January, 1954, Robert N. Linscott of Random House, New York City, gave to the library a group of papers pertaining to early Melrose. They include genealogical records of the Barrett and Lynde families, and they are supplemented by many notes, as yet undeciphered. The original documents separating Melrose from its mother city, Malden, are in the collection. Seventeenth century deeds and legal agreements as well as committee reports concerning church and town matters give fragmentary glimpses of the life of the early settlers of this area. When all the papers have been photostated it is hoped that a brochure may be prepared from them.

RECORDINGS

2,931 records were circulated in 1954. Over 60 new records were cataloged and nearly a hundred more were purchased to be added early in 1955. The library owns a total of 194 LP titles, 104 of the 78 RPM records, and 13 of the 45 RPMs.

TODAY'S CHILDREN'S WORK

For the ninth consecutive year the Juvenile Department can report an increase in circulation over 1953 of 7,762, the largest of any year. Highlands Branch's increase topped other departments with 2,553; the Main Library with 2,001; teachers' borrowings increased 955; East Side increased 726, Wyoming 1,179, Ward 7, 624, and the books read in third and fourth grade deposits increased 729.

Three factors contribute; increased number of school age children; more and better books; hearty cooperation between library and schools. Nine years ago at our request, Miss Remon suggested a program for cooperation between library and schools. Now these visits of the librarian to the schools with books has practically become a part of the school curriculum. Mrs. Nims reports the following in 1954:

102 visits to schoolrooms, 60 hours of time.
34 deposits of 20 books each to third and fourth grades, Five changes during school year made 100 different books available to each grade.
65 deposits were borrowed by teachers of other grades.

NEW OFFICE FOR CHILDREN'S LIBRARIAN

The new offica and work room for the Children's Department was ready in September, making it possible for preparation work to be done in one place under efficient conditions. The Children's Department expresses gratitude to the Trustees and officials for making this possible.

READING CLUB

Pony express riders dashed across the bulletin board as 213 children joined the summer reading club. 75 carried enough mail (or read enough books) to be invited to the party held at Highlands Branch in September, where results were announced and games and refreshments enjoyed.

VOLUNTEER PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM

Under the able direction of Mrs. David Navon, a trained nursery school teacher, a new project was begun. Once a week, twenty-four children ranging in age from 3½ to 5 years, gather in the Children's Room for an hour and a half of story-telling, games, records, and other activities dear to the hearts of pre-schoolers. To Mrs. Navon and her helpers, also volunteer mothers, the librarians and the mothers extend sincerest appreciation. Lack of room limited the registration to the earliest applicants.

Story telling was also carried on during the months of July and August by Mrs. Navon.

BASEMENT REMODELLING PROJECT

The release of the coal bin area of nearly 500 square feet made available by conversion to oil heat permitted the remodelling and modernization of the basement.

Staff facilities were very inconvenient, lack of water, adequate lighting and heat handicapped efficient operation. Preparation of Branch and Children's books was difficult. The single public lavatory was impractical!

The space now contains an efficient office for the Children's librarian (Mrs. Nims), an attractive staff room, an alcove containing kitchenette and a staff lavatory.

There are now two public lavatories with new fixtures.

For these long needed conveniences the librarian and staff thank the Trustees for their patient perseverance, and the City officials for the appropriation.

AT HIGHLANDS BRANCH

The Melrose Highlands Woman's Club, in November, held an art exhibit in the library for two weeks. Members exhibited ceramics and textiles and a number of art books were borrowed from the Main Library to complement the display.

The annual city Summer Reading Club party was again held in the Highlands Library. This year there have been visits by children from the lower grades of the Whittier and Warren schools who came to learn what a library means.

Books purchased were 497 adult, 371 juvenile.

Books circulated: 35,611, a total gain of 2,933 over 1953.

Adult	16,596
Juvenile	19,015 (above adult for first time)
Gain over 1953:	2,553 juvenile, 360 adult

The atmosphere of the Highlands Branch remains friendly and informal, an asset to the Highlands community.

BOOKS FOR HOSPITAL PATIENTS

Miss Parmenter reports lending 2,575 books at the Melrose Hospital. To serve the enlarged area at the hospital a new plan was worked out in November, with the cooperation of Miss Haley, Superintendent of the Hospital, Mrs. Tibbetts, of the Library Trustees, and Miss Parmenter. Arrangements were made with the Epsilon Tri-Hi-Y group of the High School girls to send a volunteer three afternoons a week to make available to the patients a collection of about 150 books deposited in the lobby, on those days. Miss Parmenter continues distribution with the book cart on Tuesdays.

SHUT-INS: 375 bundles, 2,310 books were sent.

MOTHER'S CLUB: Miss Parmenter prepared special collections of books for Mrs. Laudin to take to Mother's Club meetings.

THE STAFF

There were few staff changes in 1954. The librarian attended the national conference of American Library Association in Minneapolis. She and other staff members attended library meetings of the North Shore, the Massachusetts, and the New England Library groups during the year.

APPRECIATION AND THANKS go to The Melrose Free Press for generous space; to all who participated in programs at the library; to the Woman's Club and the Highlands Woman's Club for making available their attractive programs to our staff; and the loan of chairs from the Highlands Woman's Club; to the Garden Club for the lovely arrangements during anniversary week, and floral contributions during the year; to the Grange for more records for children; to the Camera Club for exhibitions and the photographs made during anniversary week by Lawrence Shaw; to Mrs. Navon and her corps of mothers for their untiring work with tiny tots; and to the many people who have donated fine books and magazines.

Behind the scenes are our Trustees, who have given cheerfully and generously of their time and interest, especially appreciated during the past year, when Mr. Hammond's knowledge of construction proved very valuable.

In March, Dr. Melvin H. Nicholls left the Board of Trustees after serving for six years. Howard B. Wilder was appointed in his place.

The Mayor and Aldermen have our sincere gratitude for making possible the remodelling of the basement.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Anderson

Librarian

CREDITS AND DEBITS FROM APPROPRIATIONS AND TRANSFERS

	Credits	Debits	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Salaries and Wages	$41,000.00	$41,036.49*	$ 371.52
Additional appropriation	408.01		
Other Expenses	2,300.00	2,586.30	63.70
Transfers (Sal. & Fines)	350.00		
Books and periodicals	6,663.70	10,102.28	64.61
Transfers (Fines, etc.)	3,503.19		
Fuel and Light	1,400.00	1,377.89	22.11
Building and Janitor's Supplies	700.00	624.23	75.77
Rent, Highlands Branch	1,500.00	1,500.00	00.00
Construction Project	3,000.00	5,817.65**	182.35
Carried over	3,000.00		
Binding	1,300.00	1,281.31	18.69
Out-of-state Travel	100.00	100.00	00.00
New Equipment	85.00	233.18	16.82
Transfer (Construction)	165.00		
Repairs to Slate Roof	1,000.00	798.50	201.50
	$66,474.90	$65,457.83	$1,017.07

*Includes $150.00 transferred to Other Expenses
**Includes $165.00 transferred to New Equipment

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUNDS IN THE CUSTODY OF THE CITY TREASURER

	Balance Jan. 1, 1954	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
William E. Bailey Fund	$3,103.22	$ 75.00	$	$3,178.22
William E. Barrett Fund	205.36	2.26	132.62	75.00
Horatio N. Perkins Fund	598.30	15.00		613.30
		Collections		
Duplicate Fund	128.92	707.39	629.25	207.06
Fines Account	3,326.81	3,391.79	3,700.00	3,146.91
Unexpended balance from disbursements		128.31		
	$7,362.61	$4,319.75	$4,461.87	$7,220.49

INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS FROM TRUST FUNDS OF WHICH THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY HAVE THE CUSTODY

	Balance Jan. 1, 1954	Income	Disbursements	Balance Dec. 31, 1954
Sarah A. Chever Fund	$ 717.56	$ 21.68	$	$ 739.24
Stephen C. Deering Fund	459.69	13.88		473.57
Jabez Dyer Fund	1,158.90	35.01		1,193.91
(Melrose Savings Bank)			(Melrose Savings Bank)	
	48.60			48.60
(Melrose Trust Co.)			(Melrose Trust Co.)	
Sarah E. Odlin Fund	2,364.37	69.36	139.10	2,294.63
	$4,749.12	$139.93	$139.10	$4,749.95

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To His Honor, The Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its report for the year ending December, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

ROY M. CUSHMAN, CHAIRMAN
Vivian B. Adams
Gertrude M. Curtin
John W. Huse
William J. Neely

There was very little legislation affecting public assistance during 1954. There was a continuation of the downward trend in the Old Age Assistance caseload but economic conditions remained favorable and there was little change in the overall public assistance situation.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

During 1954, 66 applications for Old Age Assistance were received and, in addition, there were two requests held over from 1953. The Board approved 41 applications, 24 were denied or withdrawn, and there were three pending at the end of December, 1954. For the third year in succession, the number of cases closed, 87, exceeded the number of new cases added and thus the Old Age Assistance caseload continued on the downward trend which began in January, 1952. In that month we aided 506 individuals and in December, 1954 we aided 400 persons. Fifty-seven cases were closed in 1954 because of death; fifteen were transferred to other cities and towns; the remaining 15 cases were closed because of increased resources or admission to state hospitals, or removal out of the state.

The real estate lien law has been in effect since January 1, 1952. At the end of 1954 the Board of Public Welfare was holding liens on 40 parcels of real estate owned by recipients of Old Age Assistance. The lien law requires that the Board recover the amount of Old Age Assistance given since January 1, 1952, except that the estate is allowed $1500. in savings, insurance, or real estate. Since the law went into effect, we have recovered a total of $17,222.07 from the estates on which we held liens. Of this amount, $12,618.95 was recovered during 1954 and represented settlement of five liens, the recovery in each case being

in excess of $2000.00. It is quite apparent that the recoveries each year will be more and more substantial, since the liability against the property increases with each month that Old Age Assistance is received, and the fair market value of real estate remains high.

A new medical plan went into effect on July 1, 1954 for all public assistance cases in Massachusetts. The purpose of the plan is to achieve uniformity throughout the state in the provision of, and the quality of medical care. The plan provides for prior authorization by the local Board of Public Welfare of all medical services and supplies; payment for all medical care is made directly to the doctor, hospital, nursing home, or other vendor, and a statewide fee schedule is in effect for doctor's visits, hospital care, dental and optical services, x-rays, nursing homes, etc. A total of $50,654.84 was spent for medical services and supplies for Old Age Assistance recipients for the last six months of 1954 and this was distributed as follows:

Hospitalization	$ 12,743.43
Physician's fees	3,271.29
Drugs	4,400.51
Nursing Home care	37,442.17
Other - X-ray, Red Cross Nurse, dentist, glasses, etc.	1,797.44

There are from 50 to 55 Old Age Assistance recipients in licensed nursing homes each month, and most of them are budgeted for care at the rate of $35.00 per week, less whatever resources they have, such as Old Age and Survivors' Benefits. Patients at the Tewksbury State Hospital and Infirmary, if otherwise eligible, may now receive Old Age Assistance and we have two recipients at this facility.

There was an increase in payments under Old Age and Survivors' Benefits effective in October, 1954 with the usual increase being $5.00 a month. It resulted in a decrease of approximately $400.00 a month in Old Age Assistance payments. There are as of December, 1954, 85 recipients of Old Age Assistance who also receive Old Age and Survivors' Benefits. The Old Age and Survivors' Benefits amount to $3640.00 a month and the assistance payments for these recipients amount to $3,950.00. The 1954 amendments to the Social Security Act also provided that some individuals previously ineligible would now be able to receive Old Age and Survivors' Benefits but this section of the law did not affect the Melrose situation noticeably.

The average Old Age Assistance grant continues to increase, despite the fact that other resources such as Old Age and Survivors' Benefits have operated to reduce the a-

mount given to certain recipients. In December, 1953 the average payment was $78.35, as against $80.10 in December, 1954.

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

The number of cases aided in this category of assistance has not varied much during the past few years. There were 13 applications during 1954; nine were approved and three were denied or withdrawn. Ten cases were closed during the year; one was transferred to another town, but the other nine were closed because of increased resources. Through court action for non-support, a number of husbands were ordered to support in amounts that made further assistance unnecessary. Three women who felt that their children no longer required their presence in the home on a full time basis, found employment and were able to withdraw from further aid. The law relative to the support of dependents was amended during 1954 and action under the Uniform Enforcement Support law is now begun in the District, rather than the Probate, court. This means that the probation system of the District court is available for supervision and follow-up of cases. The problem of obtaining regular, adequate support payments is a difficult one but there are a number of cases in which the amount of Aid to Dependent Children is substantially reduced because the father is carrying out a court order and the payments come regularly through the probation department.

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

There were 17 applications for Disability Assistance in 1954 and seven were approved, four denied. Six cases were closed; two died, two were transferred to Old Age Assistance, and one moved to another city. Medical eligibility, which is determined by the State Department of Public Welfare, was withdrawn in one case. There were six pending at the end of the year; all had established eligibility insofar as financial need was concerned but approval had not yet been obtained from the State Medical Review Team. However, it is certain that this approval would be forthcoming since the applicant's disability was serious enough. Disability Assistance has the highest average grants for an individual of any assistance program and this is readily understood when it is considered that many of these people require nursing home care, or home nursing assistance plus regular doctor's care and medication. The average payment in December, 1954 was $119.40.

GENERAL RELIEF

The number of cases aided in this category has not changed materially during the past few years although there is a constant change in the makeup of the caseload. During 1954, we approved 50 applications for General Relief

and 44 cases were closed. The three main reasons for closing General Relief cases are return to employment; end of a temporary need, perhaps for medical care or for clothing, rent or fuel for a short period; and transfer to Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children or Disability Assistance. This pattern in General Relief is typical of a period of high employment such as at the present.

In addition to direct relief payments the Board is caring for two children who are boarded in foster homes under the supervision of the Children's Aid Society and one child who is with the Division of Child Guardianship, State Department of Public Welfare. There are two Melrose General Relief recipients living in municipal infirmaries, one in the Malden City Infirmary, the other in the Wakefield Town Infirmary.

SPECIAL FUNDS

The Board of Public Welfare administers two private trust funds. These funds were left to the City of Melrose under the terms of the wills of the late A. C. Marie D. Currier and the late George Emerson.

The A. C. Marie D. Currier Fund is to provide for the needy of Melrose at Christmas and following the custom of the past several years, a check was sent to all public assistance families with children and to some Old Age Assistance recipients who live alone or who have no close relatives. The sum of $827.09 was spent in December, 1954.

The George Emerson Fund may be used to provide special needs for Melrose residents and the Board has from time to time approved expenditures for hospital care, special dentistry, etc. At the present time the Fund is paying for a boy who is in the care of the Children's Aid Society and who requires a special school. The Emerson Fund is also boarding a child at the Canton Hospital School where he receives not only his schooling but expert medical attention for the disabling physical condition which prevents him from living at home and attending regular school. The total expended during 1954 was $1468.00.

Mary J. Melville

Mary J. Melville
WELFARE AGENT

ASSISTANCE CASE LOAD

	Old Assistance Individuals	Disability Assistance	Aid to Dependent Children Families	General Relief Singles - Families	
			[1]		[2]
January	445	20	18(45)	21	5(16)
February	443	21	15(41)	24	7(17)
March	435	22	15(41)	18	3(15)
April	430	22	13(42)	20	3(17)
May	428	21	13(42)	20	4(16)
June	427	20	14(43)	23	8(14)
July	423	19	14(41)	21	6(16)
August	424	22	17(46)	23	4(18)
September	419	21	17(46)	22	5(17)
October	408	19	17(46)	21	4(15)
November	408	18	17(45)	23	6(17)
December	400	20	17(46)	25	8(17)

1. No. of children in these families

2. No. of persons in families including adults and children

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES AND REIMBURSEMENTS FOR 1954

	OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	DISABILITY ASSISTANCE	GENERAL RELIEF	ADMINISTRATION	TOTAL RELIEF AND ADMINISTRATION
TOTAL:	409,215.95 - 100.0	23,141.59 - 100.0	25,478.69 - 100.0	23,954.67 - 100.0	23,534.49 - 100.0	505,325.39 - 100.0
FEDERAL	165,746.79 - 40.5	11,055.64 - 47.8	8,140.81 - 32.0	**	10,848.61 - 46.1	195,791.85 - 38.8
STATE	178,693.59 - 43.7	8,509.90 - 36.8	10,638.51 - 41.7	1,612.49 - 6.7	315.72 - 1.3	199,770.21 - 39.5
OTHER CITIES	9,169.16 - 2.2	*	*	1,439.02 - 6.0	*	10,608.18 - 2.1
MELROSE	55,606.41 - 13.6	3,576.05 - 15.4	6,699.37 - 26.3	20,903.16 - 87.3	12,370.16 - 52.6	99,155.15 - 19.6

Notes - * Settlement law does not apply in Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance
** No Federal participation in General Relief

EXPENDITURES FOR SELECTED YEARS 1945--1954

FEDERAL AND CITY FUNDS COMBINED

	1945	1947	1949	1951	1953	1954
ADMINISTRATION:						
Salaries and Other Expenses	9120.30	12088.27	15899.92	17847.89	22134.32	23409.49
OUT OF STATE TRAVEL				100.00	125.00	125.00
GENERAL RELIEF	19882.95	22943.16	38990.90	39998.40	23361.27	23954.67
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE	151375.58	229117.17	331151.67	376116.34	417840.08	409215.95
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE					27881.20	25478.69
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN	14580.28	24490.04	32585.89	30771.39	23274.95	23141.59
TOTALS:	194959.11	287858.64	418628.38	464834.02	514616.82	505325.39

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Board of Aldermen,
Melrose 76, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit the following report of the Public Works Department for the year of 1954.

The year of 1954 will be remembered by this department as a continual battle against the elements.

The early part of the year we had snow, sleet and ice, in the spring we had unprecedented floods and in the late summer and in early fall there were three hurricanes to contend with.

Every division of the department was called upon, to combat these emergencies both during the storm and after the emergency had past.

I will discuss in greater detail the part performed by the individual divisions during these periods, when I give an account of the divisions activities for the year.

ENGINEERING DIVISION

This division is under the direction of Assistant City Engineer Edwin H. King and played a vital role in each emergency, lending a hand in the directing of the various forces, locating underground structures, and supervising the repairs after the emergencies. This work was in addition to the regular work of the division.

The outstanding engineering this year was a highway program of seventeen new streets. This work was done under the supervision of the Engineering Division with the assistance of Highway Foreman Frank Martin who was assigned to the Engineers to take charge of the inspection.

STREET	FROM	TO	LENGTH
Whitman Avenue	Echo Street	EASTERLY	880.0
Cottage Street	Alden Street	Southerly	250.0
Marmion Road	Porter Street	Country Club Road	980.0
Arlington Road	Coolidge Road	Southerly end	640.0
Boardman Avenue	Coolidge Road	East end	430.0
Coolidge Road	Boardman Avenue	Arlington Road	450.0
Country Club Road	Porter Street	Larchmont Road	1225.0
Albert Street	Lynn Fells Parkway	Nelson Road	250.0
Dartmouth Road	Bancroft Road	Woodcrest Drive	400.0
Wildwood Road	Bancroft Road	Woodcrest Drive	400.00
Sharon Road	Bancroft Road	Woodcrest Drive	335.00
Magnolia Road	Bancroft Road	Woodcrest Drive	390.00
Orris Place	Orris Street	Southerly	220.00
Kenmore Road	Sunset Road	Glendale Avenue	250.00
Ledgewood Avenue	Main Street	Derby Road	320.00
Derby Road	Woodruff Avenue	Sylvan Street, ext.	500.00
Woodcrest Drive No.	Sharon Road	Woodcrest Drive E.	1035.00

The Roosevelt School grading after the addition of two new wings in 1953 presented a minor problem in design, but the ultimate result was very satisfactory. The routine work of sew extension, sidewalk construction and repairs, general survey for various city projects, office work on plans, estimates, assessments and etc., was carried out in a manner which was both efficient and satisfactory.

HIGHWAY DIVISION

The work of this division is carried out under the direction of John B. Simonds Assistant Superintendent in charge, assisted by foreman Francis P. Martin when Mr. Martin was not inspecting for the Engineering Division The work of this division has undergone a change over a period of the last five years due to a change in conditions. Highway construction methods both in type and in amount have emerged from a division activity to a department activity, together with the employment of contract labor and equipment. As a result the highway construction program in general is no longer in the hands of the highway division but under the direction of the Engineering division, who provide the inspection and generally supervise the work of the contractors. The work of this division is now mostly confined to maintenance as far as the highways are concerned. This in itself still remains one of the largest items in the Public Works budget and obviously requires constant attention. This past year we continued the bituminous concrete resurfacing work we had started on Tremont Street in 1953 and extended the program to include;

Tremont Street from Lake Avenue to West Emerson Street
Essex Street from West Emerson Street to Main Street
Melrose Street from Lynn Fells Parkway to Railroad tracks
Tremont Street from Melrose Street to Franklin Street
Grove Street from Main Street to Berwick Street

This division supervises the garbage collection contract and also has charge of the collection of rubbish, the care of trees, repair of sidewalks, building of new sidewalks with city labor, street cleaning street signs, street painting, snow removal, and an item I will call general maintenance for want of a better name This item includes many things that need to be done in the city that nobody else wants to do, or has time for.

During the hurricanes this past fall this division's tree forces extended themselves way beyond normal capacity and with the help of outside contractors had the worst of both storms cleared away within 48 hours. The city lost in the vicinity of 75 of it's larger trees, and helped with the removal of many private trees, at least twenty of which were extremely large ones which had fallen on houses and had to be removed with the aid of a sixty foot crane, were removed from private homes by this division.

Dutch Elm disease is on the increase The number of trees infected each year and their resultant removal presents a growing problem for this division. It has been necessary to supplement our forces and employ outside contractors in order to hold our own in the ravages of this plague. During the year there were eighty-eight private and public trees which were determined to have the disease and

which had to be removed.

SEWER DIVISION

The sewer and drain division directed by Assistant Superintendent Walter Jones, had one storm after another to cope with throughout the year of 1954. The worst flood periods for the year occurred in May and in September when the rainfall for a given period exceeded all previous records and the resulting flood conditions throughout the City approached disaster proportions. Streets and sewers were flooded as well as cellars, and buildings. Oil burners were put out of commission and the health and welfare of the city was endangered. The men of the division worked around the clock in many instances freeing brooks of floating debris, clearing drains, pumping cellars clearing debris and giving as much assistance as possible to the sufferers in the flooded areas. This of course was all emergency work which had to be taken care of as the situations arouse and all aside from the regular routine work of the division.

This routine work consists of the construction of main sewers and extensions, new house sewer connections, cleaning of main line sewers and drains, catch basin cleaning and general sewer and drain maintenance. This past year the division constructed new sewers in the following streets;

SEWER CONSTRUCTION - 1954

STREET	FROM	TO	LENGTH	PIPE SIZE	MAN-HOLES
Sycamore Road	Clayton Road	Trunk sewer	1402.30	8"	9
Row Street	Sycamore Road	Sycamore Road	397.40	8"	3
Marron Street	Beach Street	Westerly	187.10	8"	2
Boston Rock Road	Station 4 25	End of Street	648.15	8"	3
Ellis Farm Lane	Porter Street	Northerly	588.00	8"	2
		TOTAL -	3222.95		16

In addition to this main line construction 148 new house connections were laid and 23 connections to be street line.

SUMMARY OF GENERAL MAINTENANCE

11 House connections dug up and repaired
211 House connections cleared
6000 feet main sewers cleaned
21 Main sewer blocks cleared
36 Manholes raised and /or repaired
Total number of house connections in city - 7100.0
Total miles of sewers in operation - 69.15

SURFACE DRAINAGE construction and maintenance accounts for a large part of this divisions time and expense. Each year a small part of the drainage construction program is completed and another sore spot or health menace is controlled. The following drains were constructed in 1954;

SURFACE DRAIN CONSTRUCTED 1950

LOCATION	SIZE of PIPE	LENGTH	MAN HOLES	FROM	TO
Heywood Ave. Brook	36"	40.0	0	Across Heywood Avenue	
Oakland Street Drain	15"	182.0	0	Relocation at rear 59 Oakland	
Crescent Ave. Brook	36"	100.0	1	Ext. so of Gould Street	
Long Pond Brook	24"	1000.0	4	Long Pond	Plymouth Cir.
Mt. Hood Terrace	12"	36.0	0	Slayton Road	Westerly
Goodyear Avenue	36"	34.0	1	Across Goodyear Avenue	
Hesseltine Ave. Brook	36"	500.0	2	Hesseltine Ave.	Ruggles Street
Cottage Ext.	8"	235.0	0	Alden Street	Spot Pond Brk.
Damon Avenue	8"	80.0	0	Damon Avenue	Heywood Ave Brk

RELAID SURFACE DRAINS

Clifford Street	10"	27.0	East end of Clifford Street
City Yard	8"	84.0	City Yard
Bow Street	8"	28.0	Bow Street at low point.

Total number of catch basins - 1140

Other work of the division included the cleaning of 1100 catch basins cleaning and clearing 2000 feet of drains, cleaning brooks and clearing brook gratings throughout every storm.

WATER DIVISION

The water division is under the direction of assistans superintendent Walter L. Olson and his Civil Service foreman John J. Murphy. The following table will indicate that a considerable amount of main line construction and main line relay work has been done this year together with house service installations. This is in addition to the general maintenance problems. The program laid out the first of the year could not be carried out as planned because of many unforeseen conditions which came up during the year but on the whole the main line construction and relay work showed a definite gain.

MAIN LINE CONSTRUCTION

STREET	FROM	TO	LGTH	PIPE
Montvale Street	#16	Northerly	57'	39'-1½" 18"-2" C.L.
Bow Street	Sycamore Rd.	Sycamore Rd.	560	8" C.L.
Arlington Road	#1	Southerly	48	10" C.L.
Boardman Avenue	#171	Easterly	21	6" C.L.
Boston Rock Road	#29	Easterly	658'	8" C.S.
Pine Banks Pk.	Extension	Southerly	200'	2" steel
Proposed street, off Woodcrest Dr.	Woodcrest Dr	Northerly	29'	12 C.L.
Meecham Street	Whitman Ave.	Southerly	33'	10 C.L.
Willard Street	#25	Westerly	72'	1" copper
Russet Lane	#50	Ellis Farm Lane	267	8" C.L.
Whitman Avenue	#87	Southerly	58'	8" C.L.
Sycamore Road	#40	Bow Street	102)	12" C.L.
			610)	8" C. L.

MAIN LINE CONSTRUCTION CONT'D.

Burnett St.	Granite St.	Hunnewell St.	240'	12" C. L.
Derby Road	#55	Sylvan St. ext.	47	8" C. L.
Laurel St.	#268	Easterly	315'	8" C. L.
Ellis Farm Lane	#44	Porter Street	687'	12" C. L.
			3904 lin ft.	

In addition to the above table 7 new hydrants were installed and 23 gate valves as follows:

11-6", 8-8", 1-10", and 3-12"

RELAID CONSTRUCTION

STREET	FROM	TO	LGTH.	SIZE	REPLACED
Beech Ave.	Lebanon St.	Easterly	25'	10" CL	31' 6" Cement
Park Street	Lebaron St.	Westerly	20'	10" CL	15' 6" Cement
Park Street	Lebanon St.	Easterly	32'	8" CL	20' 6" Cement
Lebanon St.	Malvern St.	Park St.	647'	10" CL	640'6" Cement
Lebanon St.	Malvern St.	Grove St.	460'	10" CL	460'6" C.L.
Appleton St.	Lebanon St.	Easterly	33'	8" CL	13' 6" C. L.
Orris Place	Orris St.	Southerly	170'	6" CL	170' 4" C.L.
Waverly Ave.	Upham St.	E. Foster	633'	12" CL	633' 6" C.L.
Hunnewell St.	Burnett St.	Southerly	151'	6" CL	500' 2" Iron
			Total relayed		2482 linear feet

MECHANICAL DIVISION

The responsibility for the maintenance and repairs of all of the public works equipment has for many years been under the very able direction of James R. Findlay. This work starting originally as a part of the highway division operation and has been considered as a part of the highway division though for the past several years all questions as to policy, purchases and administrative problems have been handled by Mr. Findlay directly with the department head.

During the year of 1954 the following additions and changes have been made in our equipment setup:

ITEMS ACQUIRED	TRADE IN
1 Hough Payloader	1 Case Tractor and 1 Scoopmobile
1 Galon Body and Hoist	
1 Oliver Tractor and Plow	
1 Orangepeel catch basin cleaner	
1 Ford 2 Ton Truck	1947 - 2 Ton Chevrolet Truck
1 Ford Station Wagon	1948 Chevrolet coupe
9 Cabs for sidewalk tractors	
3 Cleco Sump pumps-compressor operated	
1 Dean Gate Valve Operator	

In September Mr. Findlay retired after serving as the man responsible for the safe and workable condition of the Public Works

Department equipment for 32 years (June, 1922 to September 17,1954)

At the retirement of Mr. Findlay the operating responsibility for this division was assumed temporarily by Buron J. Shaughnessy pending decision of a permanent appointment. His assistants are John Grover and James Grover who have been in the division for several years and Arnold Johanson who joined the force this year.

CONCLUSION

The department as a whole is continuing to absorb an accelerated amount of work in order to work off certain public demands and capital improvements and we have not increased our normal administrative or supervisory forces.

The department is maintaining it's high degree of co-operation with other departments, boards and committees.

Respectfully submitted,

Glen S. Weeks
Engineer and Superintendent
Public Works Department

REPORT OF THE RECREATION COMMISSION

To His Honor, the Mayor and the
Honorable Board of Aldermen
City of Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Recreation Commission respectfully submits its report for the year 1954.

Present membership and organization: John T. Brady, Chairman; Mrs. Margaret Restall, Clerk; J. Arthur Johnson; Lewis H. Keith; John M. Kirk; Edward F. Riley; and Howard R. True.

Changes during the year: Howard R. True was appointed as the representative of the School Committee to replace Herbert N. Faulkner, who resigned.

For the first time since its creation this Commission was provided with an appropriation for employment of a part-time Director of Recreation and a clerical assistant, and for all expenses involved in planning, organizing, and conducting a year-round program of tax-supported recreation.

Mr. Charles V. Tousley was appointed to the position of Director of Recreation and began his duties in that capacity April 1, 1954. He has done a good job.

With the advice and support of the Commission an improved and expanded playground program for the summer season was developed and carried out with very gratifying results, as indicated by an increase in the average daily attendance at all playgrounds to 639.8 as compared with 486 in 1953. Total attendance for the season was 25,558.

New projects introduced which met with enthusiastic response were: baseball, softball, and basketball leagues for boys of different age groups; a course in tennis instruction and tournament play to encourage more juvenile interest in this sport; a class of instruction in the handling of canoes and water safety.

Another new and very successful undertaking was the sponsorship and overall supervision of a Mens' Municipal Softball League of ten teams which played 180 games. Nearly 200 men participated in this sport.

Also organized, during the winter months, is an Inter-Church Basketball League of eight teams which will play a fifty-six game schedule. This league is for high school boys not on "varsity" teams.

A tag system adopted for the first time to identify Melrose children going to and from the M.D.C. pool in Stoneham proved valuable in several ways. A total of 20,925 children, an average of 402 daily for fifty-two days enjoyed this free transportation at a cost to the city of only $36 per day.

There have been many other improvements in the city's recreation fabric designed to spread over the whole year, yet the financial statement shows unexpended balance.

The Commission appreciates the hearty co-operation

received from His Honor, the Mayor; the Honorable Board of Aldermen; the Park Department; the School Department; and the Personnel Board.

The report of the Director of Recreation follows.

Respectfully submitted,

For the

Recreation Commission

John T. Brady

John T. Brady,
Chairman

Mr. John T. Brady, Chairman
and Members of the Melrose
Recreation Commission

Gentlemen:

May I present my complete annual report for the last nine months of 1954.

1954 ANNUAL REPORT

PLAYGROUND PROGRAM

The playground season opened on Monday, June 28, 1954, and extended through nine weeks on six playgrounds and the handcraft shop located in Coolidge School.

A varied program of games and contests of active nature as well as those of a quiet nature were the order of the day through the season.

Playground apparatus set up and maintained by the Park Department was in use constantly providing varied opportunity to play.

Some of the many activities were: treasure hunts, scavenger hunts, clean-up contests, handcraft, hiking, circle games, line games, individual contests, tennis, paddle tennis, horseshoes, tether ball, baseball, softball, football, soccer, tag, story telling, berry picking, checker tournaments, bean bags, drama, pet shows, parades and many others.

A COMPARISON OF ATTENDANCE FIGURES

The following totals are from forty days of actual operation of the program. Five days of the proposed forty-five day program were not averaged as follows:

June 29.....Rain
July 5 .....Fourth of July Holiday
July 21.....Rain
Aug. 3 .....Rain
Aug. 10.....Rain

Forty Days of General Attendance 1954

	Boys	Ave.	Girls	Ave.	Total	Daily Ave.
Common	3756	93.8	3046	76.3	6802	170.1
Conant	1824	45.6	1138	28.5	2962	74.5
Hesseltine	2232	55.8	1504	37.6	3736	93.4
Lebanon	2121	53.	1715	43.1	3836	95.9
Lincoln	2631	65.8	1974	49.4	4605	115.1
Messengers	2290	57.3	1357	33.9	3647	91.2

Comparative Figures

	1952	1953	1954
Common	95	117	170.1
Conant	56	64	74.5
Hesseltine	51	68	93.4
Lebanon	49	76	95.9
Lincoln	115	101	115.1
Messengers	45	60	91.2
	421	486	639.8

HANDCRAFT PROGRAM

The handcraft season was a successful one as evidenced from the display of enthusiasm by the children and their parents at the closing exhibition on August 26. On display were creative works by the children from all the playgrounds. The following catagories were shown: oil painting, chalk drawing, potato printing, leaf printing, clay modeling, soap carving, glass and metal decoration, leather work, copper molding, water color painting, plastic lace, paper sculpture, pipe cleaner sculpture, paper plate decoration, jersey loop work, and a group of miscellaneous pieces.

The general attendance during the summer was 35 daily and the average attendance on days when only special classes were taught was about 15. The idea of having special days reserved for certain activities as: oil painting, soap sculpture, or potato printing and leaf printing has worked

out very well. This same program can be carried out next year, at the discretion of the leader, and other newer crafts will be added as the abilities and interests of the children are further uncovered.

A changing exhibition every two weeks or so in a downtown store window of what is being accomplished on the playgrounds in arts and crafts, will serve to encourage and motivate some of those children who are not in the habit of visiting any of the city's playgrounds or other activities in another year. Along the same line, a similar type of traveling exhibit, carried to the various playgrounds periodically will serve to stimulate the children as they see what is being done in other parts of the city. Such exhibits also will publicize the handcraft program, bringing it to the attention of more and more children throughout the city.

The use of the kindergarten room in the Coolidge School this year was ideal, and the behavior of the children throughout the year was excellent. Assistance in this program was supplied by members of the playground staff on a schedule drawn up by the director.

CANOEING CLASS

Arrangements were made with Mrs. Gertrude Hill, Lake Avenue, Wakefield, for use of canoes, rowboats, and motorboat by the director, to conduct a class of instruction in the handling of canoes.

The class started on August 2, continuing on to August 4, 5, 11, 12, 17, 18, 19 with graded instruction under the tutelage of Miss Nancy Weeks and directed by the Recreation Director. Thirty-three signed up for the class. Five came once and soon left for camp. Fourteen passed the course, six failed, and eight failed to take the final examination. An appropriate felt award and a certificate was presented to those passing the final examination.

LEAGUES

As a part of the playground program, leagues were formed in baseball, basketball, and softball.

Class "A" boys up to 15 years of age played several inter-playground games not in a league.

Class "B" boys of "Little League" age were organized in a thirty game league played in two halves on a home and home basis each team playing ten games. A Park Department truck picked up two teams each scheduled day and brought them back to the home playground.

Class "A" boys were organized in a thirty game basketball league played at Lincoln, Coolidge, and Roosevelt gymnasiums through arrangements with the Superintendent of Schools and the School Board.

The winners of the "B" baseball league were given a new little league ball as a prize. The basketball winners were each given a ball point pen.

Organized softball teams for girls were formed on four playgrounds and several home and home games were enjoyed. Transportation was supplied by the Park Department and the director.

MELROSE MUNICIPAL MEN'S SOFTBALL LEAGUE

This league played its games evenings at Pine Banks and the Common mainly, and during the last part, extra time was obtained at Messengers Field. The play-offs were played under lights at Roosevelt Field, Salem Street, Malden through the kindness of Mr. James E. Flanagan, Malden Park Commissioner.

The league consisted of ten teams of 15 to 20 men. Close to 200 men enjoyed recreation, playing during the summer.

The schedule consisted of 180 games divided into four quarters, 45 games in each quarter. Due to the very unusual weather conditions, thirty-games were rained out, fourteen of which were made up and sixteen remained unplayed. One hundred and seventy-two games were played between April 28, 1954 and September 15, 1954.

Umpires for these games were supplied by Mr. James Jones, Metropolitan Softball Commissioner. Even with the limited number of available diamonds for softball, had it not been for the weather, the whole schedule would have been played out.

INTER-CHURCH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A mid-winter league of basketball was organized to serve especially those boys up to nineteen years of age and who do not play on so called varsity school teams. The league is known as the Melrose Municipal Inter-Church Basketball League.

The movement met with instantaneous success with eight churches fielding a team in the fifty-six game schedule. Games are being played at Roosevelt School on Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout the winter from January 1, through the first week in April. A schedule was printed, a code of conduct drawn up, and a system of reporting set up. Each church has deposited $10 as a forfeit fee to guarantee good faith and attendance. This fee is to be returned at the close of the season.

BUSES - M.D.C. SWIMMING POOL

Shortly after this department began officially on April 1, 1954, bids were advertised for, received, and read in regular meeting of the Commission, for buses to take Melrose children to the M.D.C. pool in Stoneham during the summer months.

The contract was awarded to the Eastern Mass. Street Railway Co. for a fifty-five day period at $36 per day.

The first two days, June 21 and 22, it was necessary to use two buses which carried between 800 and 850 per day. For the balance of the first week 500 to 600 used this service daily. Commencing June 28 this number decreased as the playgrounds opened and summer camps began, and an average of 350 to 400 daily took advantage of the transportation. The number fluctuated with the weather.

At the suggestion of the Aldermen a tag system was developed by which Melrose children could be identified upon boarding the bus.

The director set up a system in which application blanks were distributed to all schools. These were available to all children resident in Melrose and below the senior class in high school. A ten cent charge was made for each tag, the collection of which was made by the home room teachers in the city's schools. Over 1750 tags were issued.

To evaluate the system of tag usage it might be said that due to it, conduct on buses was better because there was always the threat of having a tag taken away for breach of discipline. The tag served to "advertise" the facility as well as to control and limit to a great extent, the service to Melrose children.

A schedule distributed through the playgrounds, was of no little value to parents in informing them as to time of bus arrivals.

TENNIS PROGRAM

In May, 1954, a notice was sent to all schools concerning a course in tennis instruction and tournament play.

The original response was overwhelming as 115 boys and girls registered with the director. At the outset, Miss Ruth Jeffery gave a morning to the girls as instructor while Paul Conway and Blaine Gilley assisted with instruction for both boys and girls throughout the season. Attendance kept up well, until school let out and many children went away. Some interest was lost due to lack of sufficient facility.

The tennis program naturally developed into one for the girls which met every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. under the direction of the recreation director and the tutelage of Mr. Conway. Miss Allwyn Taggart assisted one Saturday, Mrs. John Hogan gave several days, and a most generous amount of time was contributed by Miss Priscilla Hoyt.

Due to the efforts of Mr. Gilley and Mr. Conway, on two occasions, Mr. Lloyd Fitzpatrick and Mr. Walter Bleauvelt gave a demonstration of court work both in doubles and singles. Also, a tennis clinic was held by Mr. Corish who is chairman of the New England Lawn Tennis Association clinic committee.

The remainder of the summer on each Saturday, a tennis "ladder" tournament was set up ending in September with a tournament for A and B classes.

The boys' program under Mr. Gilley followed the team line in which several matches both at home and away were played. This was associated with the Junior Lawn Tennis Association under the New England body.

It is hoped that this start will serve to build up tennis interest in the future.

FOURTH OF JULY

Approximately 1,600 children, some accompanied by their parents, attended the two free shows at the Melrose Theater, sponsored by the Recreation Department on July 5 in observance of Independence Day.

Cartoons, a "Three Stooges" film, and a patriotic film, "My Country 'Tis of Thee", were presented at each showing. The patriotic film was a documentary of the country's early days.

Each child was presented with an American flag and an ice cream cup as he left the theater. Assisting in passing out the favors were

Rep. Theodore Vaitses, Mayor Lawrence Lloyd, Aldermen Allen Copeland, John A. Lavender, Frank Johanson, and Richard McIntosh; Fire Chief Sidney C. Field and James Kennedy of the Fire Department: and also Patrolmen Gibbons and Crowley.

PET SHOW

A suckling pig, entered "too late to classify" was the high-light of the Recreation Department's annual pet show held at the Athletic Field on Monday, August 23.

Entered in the children's event were 26 cats, 30 dogs, and 14 miscellaneous pets including a skunk.

The judges were Mrs. Lawrence W. Lloyd, wife of the mayor, and also Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson. John T. Brady, chairman of the Commission addressed the group and introduced Mayor Lloyd who presented prizes to the winners.

The Park Department transported materials and operated the loud-speaker system.

DOLL CARRIAGE AND COSTUME PARADES

Although bad weather threatened on Thursday, August 19, causing doubt until late afternoon as to whether it would be possible to hold the annual doll carriage and costume parade, the weather finally cleared and the event was held before a record attendance of over 300 adults and children. Eighty contestants were entered.

The contestants paraded from the Coolidge School to the Athletic Field where the event was held. Following a review at the field, the contestants were lined up for inspection by the judges.

Mayor Lloyd spoke to the group and also presented the prizes. The judges in the doll carriage parade were Mrs. John Coots, Mrs. J. Gilbert, and Mrs. Ernest Hovey. Costume parade judges were Mrs. John Hogan, Mr. Lewis Keith, and Mr. George McPheters. John Brady, Recreation Commission chairman, introduced the Mayor. The Park Department was responsible for setting up apparatus on the field, while the Police Department arranged to be on hand for traffic safety.

STAGEMOBILE

After being rescheduled from August 3, the Stagemobile brought to Melrose through the Recreation Department, was held on Friday, August 13 at the athletic field.

Approximately 900 youngsters from the city playgrounds were on hand to see the two performances.

The morning show was "Once Upon A Clothesline" and during the afternoon, the youngsters saw "The Prince and The Pauper" presented.

HALLOWE'EN PROGRAM

Despite the inclement weather, over 300 children and adults participated in the annual Hallowe'en celebration sponsored by the Recreation Department.

The dance, originally planned for teenagers at the rear of Memorial Hall, was postponed, and it is hoped some time in the near future the department will sponsor record-hops for the teenage groups.

Because of the rain many of the youngsters were transported to Memorial Hall in cars. Earlier plans had called for four separate groups to march to a central location where the main parade would begin.

An impromptu parade was staged in the aisles of Memorial Hall for the delegation from the Lincoln School area. During this parade, representatives were picked for the final judging which was held on the stage. Judges were Mrs. John Brady, Mrs. C. V. Tousley, and Mr. Lewis Keith.

Prizes were awarded for the prettiest costumes, funniest costumes, and most original. Consolation prizes were given to all contestants not winning a major prize.

FIELD DAY

The annual event bringing to a close the summer playground season is the "Field Day". It is an all day affair embracing all playgrounds representing the combined efforts of the entire staff in judging, organizing, teaching, and supervising.

More than four hundred children competed both for their playground and for individual prizes in thirty-seven different events. Some of these were team games or races while others were for individual competition only. The highlights of the day were the blueberry pie eating

competition, the tug o' war, and the peanut scramble.

Prizes were awarded to the winners in the track meet, baseball leagues, basketball leagues, softball, checkers, rope-jumping, horseshoes, and bounceball and bean bags.

Pennants were awarded to the playgrounds winning high total points not only in Field Day competition but to the sports winners as well.

No small part of the success of the day was due to the co-operation of the Park Department in furnishing transportation by truck for children from distant playgrounds; men in marking the field, setting up and operating the loud speaker system and in general assistance.

Nearly all children and instructors brought their lunch and at dinner time an orange soft drink was given free to all participants and assistants.

JUNIOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

It is felt by the director that inasmuch as there is so much to be done for the youth of Melrose in the way of recreation that a hand in assisting and formulating this work should be shared by the 'teen age group.

Therefore, a study of junior advisory organizations in other cities was made and a plan drawn up which would bring together elected representatives from high school classes into a council. This council would act in an advisory capacity, sitting in regular sessions with the recreation director.

A constitution has been drawn up under the name - "Municipal Junior Advisory Council of Melrose."

As soon as details of election or appointment are arranged with the principal of the high school the above council will begin to function.

FUTURE PROGRAM PROJECTS

1. In the playground program of 1955 to include itinerant story telling, develop drama, folk dancing, and singing.
2. Promote archery and facilities necessary for same.
3. Introduce croquet tournaments.
4. Organize boys' and girls' track and field meets.
5. Expand softball to include girls.
6. Develop water safety, boating, and canoeing on Ell Pond.
7. Promote the Junior Olympic plan of track and field competition.
8. Organize winter sports.
9. Organize badminton for business men and women.
10. Organize square dancing for over 20's.

SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVEMENT

a. Install outdoor lighting at Messenger's Field for use by May, 1955.
b. Install permanent basketball posts at each playground.
c. Install posts so that volleyball may be played at each playground.
d. Develop more play areas.
e. Build a swimming pool for Melrose residents.
f. Build a covered artificial ice skating rink for Melrose residents. (This is to be made so that roller skating can be enjoyed in summer)
g. By taking of "old" First National property on Essex Street to be developed for bowling and other recreational features.
h. With the development of the above program, I feel that, although the present part time director could not accept the position, the services of a full time director would be necessary.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Salaries and wages beginning April 1, 1954		
Appropriated		$7137.27
Expenditures:		
Payrolls (9 months)	$6041.57	
Unexpended balance	1095.70	
Other Expenses		
Appropriated		2575.00
Expenditures (9 months)	1810.56	
Unexpended balance	764.44	

Celebrations			
Appropriated			700.00
Expenditures:	Fourth of July	289.50	
	Hallowe'en	203.50	
Unexpended balance		207.00	
Buses to Swimming Pool			
Appropriated			2475.00
Expenditures		1868.00	
Unexpended balance		607.00	
Office Furniture			
Appropriated			100.00
Expenditures		47.50	
Unexpended balance		52.50	

I would like to take this opportunity to thank His Honor, the Mayor, the Honorable Aldermen, members of the Recreation Commission, and members of many other departments and citizens who have most generously given of their time in assisting in the different recreation events.

Respectfully submitted,

C. V. Tousley

C. V. Tousley,
Recreation Director

REPORT OF THE REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

January 31, 1955

To His Honor, the Mayor, and
the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City of Melrose, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The report of the Board of Registrars of Voters for the year 1954 is herewith submitted:-

As required by law, the Registrars caused lists to be made of all persons twenty years of age and older found to be residing in Melrose on January 1, 1954. The number of such persons listed was as follows:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,191	1,254	1,665	1,758	1,168	1,216	1,241	1,577	1,404	1,673

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,352	1,210	961	1,256	768	19,694

Concurrently with the annual listing a determination was made of the total population of Melrose as of January 1, 1954, as follows:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
1,758	1,836	2,408	2,448	1,659	1,799	1,676	2,275	2,036	2,436

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,936	1,729	1,419	1,935	1,188	28,538

Lists containing the names of all male persons twenty years of age and older found by the Registrars to be residing in the city on January 1, 1954, to the number indicated below, were transmitted to the Assessors, as required by law:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
527	563	776	788	526	551	504	706	653	768

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
601	556	453	612	360	8,944

Questionnaires were sent to 200 female persons and to 300 male persons for the purpose of determining their qualifications for jury service. From the replies received to these questionnaires 117 female persons and 242 male persons, making a total of 359, were found to be qualified and their names were included in the jury list

The names of 330 enrolled voters of the Democratic and Republican parties were determined by the Registrars to be those of persons qualified for service as election officers, and a list containing the names of such persons was transmitted to His Honor, the Mayor as required by law.

Applications for registration for voting were received during regular business hours, except for the periods preceding the state primaries and state election when registration was required by law to cease, and at fourteen special evening sessions. During the year the names of 938 persons were added to the general and current annual registers of voters.

The names of 1,180 persons found to be no longer qualified to vote by reason of removal from the city, death or other causes were stricken from the register of voters.

The number of persons whose names were included in the current annual register of voters as of December 31, 1954, was:-

1-1	1-2	2-1	2-2	3-1	3-2	4-1	4-2	5-1	5-2
999	1,030	1,412	1,396	1,005	994	954	1,368	1,157	1,277

6-1	6-2	7-1	7-2	7-3	TOTAL
1,050	1,037	820	1,026	572	16,097

In addition, 9 residents of Melrose serving in the armed forces were qualified, either on direct application or on application of their kindred, for voting by absent voting ballot at the state election, making the total number of duly registered and qualified voters as of December 31, 1954, 16,106.

The ratio of duly registered voters to population in 1954 was 56.41%.

Signatures appearing on nomination papers of candidates to be voted for at the state primaries were certified as being those of duly registered voters of the city of Melrose to the number of 742.

The names of 187 persons making application for absent voting ballots for the state election (including 34 persons serving in the armed forces from whom, or in whose behalf, applications for official war ballots were received) were certified as being those of duly registered or qualified voters of the city of Melrose.

The total number of sessions held by the Registrars of Voters during the year 1954 was 38.

The sum of $432.75 was received for 577 copies of the annual Street List sold during the year.

Charles E. Holt
Charles E. Holt, Chairman

Edward J. Murphy
Edward J. Murphy

Fergus W. Griffin
Fergus W. Griffin

Raymond H. Greenlaw
Raymond H. Greenlaw, Clerk

BOARD OF REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To His Honor the Mayor and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
City Hall, Melrose, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

The Retirement Board of the Contributory Retirement System of the City of Melrose respectfully submits its 18th Annual Report covering the transactions of the System for the year ended December 31, 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur M. Holden, Chairman

William F. Ross, Secretary

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT SYSTEM

CITY OF MELROSE

Statement of Income and Disbursenents
for the year ended December 31, 1954

Amount of Ledger Assets Dec. 31, 1954			$486,552.29
	INCOME		
From members:			
Regular Contributions:			
Group A	$30,992.20		
Group B	14,143.14	$45,135.34	
Voluntary additional contributions			
Group A	1,122.43		
Late entry payments			
Group A	344.24		
Group B	132.60	1,599.27	
Re-deposits			
Group A	786.58	786.58	
From employer:			
Contributions to Pension Fund	29,828.00		
Spec. Fund for Military Service Cr.	417.00		
Contribution for expenses	1,500.00	31,745.00	
Due from City for Military Serv.Cr.	1,003.47	1,003.47	
Reimbursement from other systems	288.60	288.60	
From interest:			
-Gross interest on bonds and dividends on stocks,less $217.37 accrued interest on bonds acquired during the year;	14,631.35		
-Gross interest on cooperative shares	1,195.00		
-Gross interest on deposit in Trust companies and banks	300.00	16,126.35	
Accrued interest on bonds Dec. 31, 1954		4,039.52	
Gross increase, by adjustment of Ledger assets;			
Bonds by amortization	54.52		
Stocks per schedule 2	5,327.00	5,381.52	
Total Income			106,105.65
	TOTAL AVAILABLE RECEIPTS		$592,657.94

		Amount Brought Forward	$592,657.94
	DISBURSEMENTS		
Annuity Payments:			
Regular		2,357.46	
Ordinary and Accidental Disability		390.67	
Additional on account of voluntary contributions		211.44	
Annuity payments to beneficiaries of deceased annuitants under Opt.(c) and (d)		280.91	
Pension Payments:			
Option (a)	8,248.07		
Option (b)	18,932.66		
Option (c)	684.39	27,865.12	
Survivorship Payments:			
Option (d)	1,329.36	1,329.36	
Disability Pension Payments:			
Accidental	14,627.34	14,627.34	
Pension Reimbursements paid to other systems		93.56	
Refunds:			
Withdrawals from Annuity Savings Fund:			
Deaths	3,952.34		
All Others	1,078.60	5,030.94	
Transfers of Members' Accounts to other systems:			
Group A	242.24	242.24	
Administrative Expenses:			
Salaries	1,025.20		
Medical fees	55.00		
Printing and stationery	193.34		
Postage, telephone, etc.	27.75		
Furniture and fixtures	19.00		
Travel, association dues	69.42		
Safe dep. rent; Premium on bonds	57.50		
Adding machine; miscellaneous	289.25	1,736.46	
Accrued interest on bonds, Dec. 31, 1953		3,773.32	
Gross loss on sale of bonds	165.00	165.00	
Gross decrease by adjustment, of ledger assets:			
Bonds by amortization	245.35		
Stocks by decrease in market value	200.00	445.35	
Total Disbursements			58,549.17
	Total Ledger Assets, Dec. 31, 1954		$534,108.77

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1954

ASSETS

Book value of Bonds	415,540.23	
Stocks	42,573.00	458,113.23
Book value of Cooperative Shares		50,000.00
Deposits in Trust companies and banks not on interest		10,952.55
Deposits in Trust companies and banks on interest		10,000.00
Due from City for Military Service Credit		1,003.47
Accrued interest on bonds,		4,039.52
		$ 534,108.77

LIABILITIES

Annuity Savings Fund	$338.879.62
Annuity Reserve Fund	50,184.70
Special Fund for Military Service Credit	5,806.99
Pension Fund	139,232.94
Expense Fund	4.52
	$534,108.77

CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

SCHEDULE OF BONDS December 31, 1954

	Due	Percent	Book Value Dec. 31, 1954
Government			
U. S. Savings, Series G	July 1955	2½	$ 3,000.00
" "	July 1956	"	5,000.00
" "	Feb. 1957	"	5,000.00
" "	June 1957	"	5,000.00
" "	Feb. 1958	"	5,000.00
" "	July 1958	"	7,000.00
" "	Sept.1958	"	5,000.00
" "	Dec. 1958	"	5,000.00
" "	Feb. 1959	"	5,000.00
" "	Feb. 1959	"	24,000.00
" "	July 1959	"	3,000.00
" "	Oct. 1959	"	5,000.00
" "	Nov. 1959	"	4,000.00
" "	Feb. 1960	"	25,000.00
" "	Dec. 1960	"	5,000.00
" "	Jan. 1961	"	3,000.00
" "	Oct. 1961	"	5,000.00
" "	Sept. 1963	"	6,000.00
	Total Government		$ 125,000.00
Railroads			
Atchison,Topeka & Santa Fe	Oct. 1995	4	3,214.59
" " " "	Oct. 1995	4	1,072.12
" " " "	Oct. 1995	4	1,072.12
Cambria & Clearfield	Feb. 1955	4	1,999.50
" "	Feb. 1955	4	1,003.04
" "	Feb. 1955	4	1,999.52
Chesapeake & Ohio	Mar. 1992	4½	6,047.19
Chicago, Burlington & Quincy	Aug. 1985	3-1/8	4,019.54
Erie Railroad Co.	Oct. 1964	3¼	5,143.25
Great Northern Rwy. Co.	Jan. 2010	2-5/8	6,752.60
" " " "	Jan. 2000	3-1/8	993.98
" " " "	Jan. 2000	3-1/8	5,963.99
Lexington & Eastern	Apr. 1965	5	3,313.44
" "	Apr. 1965	5	2,196.09
Louisville & Nashville	Apr. 2003	2-7/8	4,934.83
New York Central & Hudson	July 1997	3½	4,923.86
" " " "	July 1997	3½	4,923.86
" " " "	July 1997	3½	4,923.86
Northern Pacific	Jan. 1997	4	5,975.95
" "	Jan. 1997	4	3,983.96
Oregon & Washington	Oct. 1960	3	5,057.95
Reading Co.	May 1995	3-1/8	5,006.00
Southern Pacific	Jan. 1986	2-7/8	5,087.82
" "	Jan.1996	2-3/4	5,000.00
Texas & Pacific	June 2000	5	1,094.36
" "	June 2000	5	1,094.35
" "	June 2000	5	1,094.35
Virginian Railroad	May 1995	3	5,303.48
	Total Railroads		$ 103,195.60

SCHEDULE OF BONDS - December 31, 1954
(continued)

Utilities			
Boston Edison Co.	Dec. 1970	2-3/4	$4,067.32
" " "	Apr. 1980	2-3/4	5,119.47
Central Main Power Co.	May 1976	2-3/4	5,080.97
Consolidated Edison of N. Y.	June 1972	2-3/4	4,877.87
" " " "	Jan. 1984	3-3/8	5,222.65
Cons. Gas, Elec. Lt. & Power of Baltimore	Jan. 1986	2-3/4	5,061.17
Detroit Edison Co.	Nov. 1976	3-3/8	5,241.57
Duquesne Light Co.	Aug. 1977	2-3/4	5,076.00
Indianapolis Power & Lt.Co.	Oct. 1979	2-7/8	5,184.70
Northern Indiana Pub. Serv.	Aug. 1973	3-1/8	4,082.39
Ohio Power Co.	Oct. 1968	3-1/4	5,128.49
Pacific Gas & Elec. Co.	Dec. 1980	2-7/8	5,219.49
" " " "	Dec. 1985	3-3/8	5,050.00
Pub. Serv. Co. of NewHampshire	Jan. 1973	3-1/4	5,301.95
Pub. Serv. Electric & Gas Co.	May 1980	2-3/4	5,073.28
Seattle Gas Co.	Jan. 1976	3-5/8	2,083.03
" " "	Jan. 1976	3-5/8	5,207.82
Southern California Edison	Feb. 1976	2-7/8	4,918.08
" " "	Sept.1965	3	5,105.48
United Gas Improvement Co.	Jan. 1966	3-1/4	5,000.00
Wisconsin Power & Light Co.	Aug. 1971	3-1/4	2,088.94
" " "	Aug. 1971	3-1/4	3,133.39
Wisconsin Public Serv. Corp.	Jan. 1971	3-1/4	5,190.22
American Tel. & Tel. Co.	Apr. 1982	2-3/4	9,792.63
Illinois Bell. Tel. Co.	Jan. 1981	2-3/4	9,907.76
Mountain States Tel. & Tel.	May 1986	2-5/8	4,987.50
N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Mar. 1974	3	5,223.16
" " " "	Dec. 1977	3-1/4	5,000.00
New Jersey Bell. Tel. Co.	Jul. 1988	3-1/8	5,251.14
New York Tel. Co.	Jul. 1982	2-3/4	5,058.09
Northwestern Bell Tel. Co.	June 1984	2-3/4	4,654.67
Pacific Tel. & Tel. Co.	Oct. 1986	2-7/8	5,174.80
" " "	Nov. 1979	3-1/4	4,907.75
Southern Bell. Tel. & Tel. Co.	Jul. 1987	2-7/8	5,221.86
" " " "	Jul. 1979	3	4,814.63
Southwestern Bell Tel.	Oct. 1985	2-3/4	9,836.36
Total Utilities			$ 187,344.63

Total Government	$125,000.00
Total Railroads	103,195.60
Total Utilities	187,344.63
	$415,540.23

SCHEDULE OF STOCKS - December 31, 1954

	No. of Shares	Market Value Dec. 31, 1954
First National Bank of Boston	216	$ 13,608.00
Guaranty Trust Co. of N. Y.	100	7,700.00
Merchants National Bank of Boston	10	3,740.00
Middlesex County National Bank	105	5,145.00
National Shawmut Bank of Boston	120	5,520.00
Newton Waltham Trust Co.	50	2,350.00
Security Trust Company of Lynn	30	1,710.00
Second National Bank of Boston	25	2,800.00
	Total Stocks	$ 42,573.00

SCHEDULE OF COOPERATIVE BANK SHARES
December 31, 1954

	No. of Shares	Market Value Dec. 31, 1954
Beverly Cooperative Bank	10	$ 2,000.00
Hyannis Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
Malden " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	30	6,000.00
Mattapan " "	10	2,000.00
" " "	10	2,000.00
Meeting House Hill "	10	2,000.00
" " " "	20	4,000.00
Melrose Cooperative Bank	10	2,000.00
" " "	20	4,000.00
" " "	20	4,000.00
" " "	30	6,000.00
Merchants " "	20	4,000.00
Middleborough Coop. "	10	2,000.00
Wellesley " "	10	2,000.00
	Total	$ 50,000.00

MEMBERS RETIRED IN YEAR 1954

Name	Former Position	Date Retired
Harry P. Lord	Laborer	1/9/54
Martin J. Armstrong	Working Foreman	2/27/54
Robert B. Toomey	Firefighter	4/3/54
Harry Leary	Laborer	4/9/54
William Damory	Tree Foreman	5/7/54
Wesley H. Murray	Sealer, W. & M.	5/31/54
James R. Findlay	Foreman	9/15/54
Genevieve C. Walden, beneficiary of Henry C. Walden,	Lineman	10/1/54

RETIRED MEMBERS DECEASED IN 1954

Dennis J. Murphy	Foreman	12/5/54

RETIRED MEMBERS AS OF DEC. 31, 1954

Arthur A. Hayden	Board of Health	12/19/38
Charles H. Shattuck	School Janitor	6/30/39
Andrew W. H. Restall	Clerk	6/30/39
Ralph Hallahan	Truck Driver	10/20/40
Everard Martin	Laborer	6/29/41
George L. Stewart	Call Fireman	12/3/41
Arthur H. Bright	Janitor	10/8/42
Bertha C. Lapham	Clerk	6/5/44
Victor H. Kirmes	Laborer	11/28/44
Walter H. Flanders	School Physician	3/25/45
Fred C. Fellows	Call Fireman	4/1/46
Philip C. Cassell	Laborer	5/3/46
George H. Cray	Superintendent	6/1/46
Eugene F. McCarthy	Foreman	4/3/46
Arthur J. Burke	Laborer	1/22/47
Paul V. DeFranco	Patrolman	5/5/47
Lillian B. Warren	Clerk	3/31/48
John E. Grace	Laborer	6/30/48
Ethel M. Hewson	Secretary	10/1/48
M. Eileen Dunlay	Clerk	9/15/48
George K. Lyons	Patrolman	9/25/48
Mary E. Ayers	Librarian	9/ 1/49
Michael Fahey	Laborer	7/31/50
Emily N. Osgood	Clerk	12/1/50
Elsie M. Ashmead	School Nurse	1/1/51
Julia A. Sullivan, Beneficiary of Julian T. Sullivan	Working Foreman	2/21/51
Clifton E. Bain	Fireman	11/8/51
Charles E. Van Riper	Senior Custodian	11/28/51
Fred C. Solberg	Laborer	2/29/52
Margaret M. Welch	Clerk	5/31/52
Harvey L. McGilley	Laborer	6/ 2/52
Paul W. Watson	Fireman	9/30/52
Janette K. Graham	Bookkeeper	2/ 6/53
Mary E. Donovan. beneficiary of Edward J. Donovan	City Auditor	6/30/53
Astrid Johnson Abrahmson	Cafeteria Helper	7/14/53
Harry P. Lord	Laborer	1/ 9/54
Martin J. Armstrong	Working Foreman	2/27/54
Robert B. Toomey	Firefighter	4/ 3/54
Harry Leary	Laborer	4/ 9/54
William Damory	Tree Foreman	5/ 7/54
Wesley H. Murray	Sealer W. & M.	5/31/54
James R. Findlay	Foreman	9/15/54
Genevieve C. Walden, beneficiary of Henry C. Walden	Lineman	10/1/54

SCHEDULE OF MEMBERSHIP FOR 1954

ACTIVE MEMBERS

	Group A Male	Group A Female	Group B	Member in Both Groups	Total Membership
Active Membership, Dec. 31, 1954	162	56	79	2	297
Enrolled during 1954	16	4	6	1	26
Totals	178	60	85	3	323
Deduct, ceased by:					
Death	2				2
Withdrawal	4	2	2		8
Retirement for:					
Superannuation	6	1			7
Accidental disability			1		1
Termination				1	
Transfers to inactive membership	1		2		3
Total deductions	13	3	5	1	21
Active membership, Dec. 31, 1954	165	57	80	2	302

INACTIVE MEMBERS

Inactive Membership, Dec. 31, 1954	R	19	11	6	45
	I	1	5	3	
Retirements for:					
Superannuation		6			6
Ordinary Disability		1			1
Accidental disability				1	1
Termination				2	2
Transfers from active membership		1			1
Total		28	16	12	56
Deduct, ceased by:					
Death		1			1
Withdrawal			1		1
Total Deductions		1	1	0	2
Inactive Membership, Dec. 31, 1954	R	25	11	7	
	I	2	4	5	54

TOTAL ACTIVE AND INACTIVE MEMBERSHIP DECEMBER 31, 1954

Total Membership Dec. 31, 1954	192	72	92	2	358

BENEFICIARIES DECEMBER 31, 1954

Beneficiaries receiving Survivorship Allowance	3	3
Total	3	3

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

CITY OF MELROSE

Year Ending December 31, 1954

Showing Total Enrollment by Ages and Grades as of October 1, 1954

Age	Spec.	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	PG	Total
4 to 5 yrs.		81														81
5 to 6 yrs.		354	90													444
6 to 7 yrs.		6	336	68												410
7 to 8 yrs.		1	15	358	89											463
8 to 9 yrs.	1		1	23	293	70										388
9 to 10 yrs.	1			1	30	243	88									363
10 to 11 yrs.	1					37	205	100	1							344
11 to 12 yrs.	2					3	34	241	114							394
12 to 13 yrs.	4					1	6	33	216	95						355
13 to 14 yrs.	5						1	10	35	205	97					353
14 to 15 yrs.	1							1	8	42	177	90	1			320
15 to 16 yrs.	2									7	40	160	88	1		298
16 to 17 yrs.											11	40	155	74	1	281
17 to 18 yrs.												7	31	147		185
18 to 19 yrs.													6	33	2	41
19 to 20 yrs.														4		4
20 to 21 yrs.																
21 and over															2	2
	17	442	442	450	412	354	334	385	374	349	325	297	281	259	5	4726

Showing Enrollment, Attendance, etc., for the School Year Ending June 30, 1954

1. By Schools

School	No. of different pupils enrolled exclusive of re-enrollment	No. of Boys	No. of Girls	Average Membership	Average Attendance	Percent of Attendance
High	1154	575	579	1147.91	1089.08	94.87
Coolidge	588	301	287	569.46	531.16	93.26
Franklin	219	101	118	222.37	210.51	94.66
Gooch	229	108	121	223.14	203.98	91.41
Lincoln	511	262	249	503.27	469.68	93.32
Horace Mann	333	162	171	327.24	299.32	91.68
Ripley	145	78	67	139.94	128.54	91.85
Roosevelt	335	150	185	357.50	333.81	93.37
Warren	150	78	72	138.74	127.32	91.76
Washington	422	220	202	412.73	379.49	91.95
Whittier	131	70	61	130.26	117.50	90.20
Winthrop	454	225	229	449.09	414.97	92.18
	4671	2330	2341	4621.65	4305.33	93.16

2. By Grades

Grade						
Post Graduate	3	2	1	1.21	1.08	89.25
Seniors	256	122	134	257.97	244.60	94.81
Juniors	266	143	123	267.09	254.24	95.19
Sophomores	299	147	152	298.87	284.40	95.15
Freshmen	330	161	169	322.77	304.76	94.42
Special	26	16	10	25.48	23.54	92.38
Eighth	303	137	166	298.74	283.87	95.02
Seventh	335	172	163	334.34	318.87	95.37
Sixth	392	188	204	387.43	368.97	95.23
Fifth	377	190	187	374.15	348.48	93.11
Fourth	335	169	166	334.00	314.92	94.28
Third	377	193	184	383.34	355.40	92.71
Second	397	191	206	397.97	367.44	92.33
First	485	257	228	471.80	434.64	92.12
Kindergarten	490	242	248	466.49	400.15	85.77
	4671	2330	2341	4621.65	4305.33	93.16

School Year	No. of different pupils enrolled in elementary schools exclusive or re-enrollment	No. of different pupils enrolled in High School exclusive of re-enrollment	Average membership in elementary schools	Average membership in High School	Average attendance in elementary schools	Average attendance in High School	No. of graduates from High School	No. of graduates from grammar school
1934-35	2,984	1,377	2,923.17	1,343.75	2,760.98	1,272.90	283	295
1935-36	2,987	1,426	2,831.15	1,371.61	2,698.33	1,331.57	285	298
1936-37	2,935	1,423	2,872.31	1,371.29	2,715.12	1,313.28	271	325
1937-38	2,923	1,438	2,827.05	1,424.60	2,678.43	1,359.30	324	306
1938-39	2,743	1,522	2,697.30	1,168.37	2,567.96	1,375.61	318	259
1939-40	2,785	1,453	2,732.18	1,429.19	2,612.83	1,363.96	331	286
1940-41	2,702	1,414	2,675.99	1,379.13	2,539.31	1,311.52	302	296
1941-42	2,695	1,392	2,610.29	1,365.20	2,404.33	1,290.64	332	320
1942-43	2,648	1,308	2,569.75	1,249.51	2,371.82	1,168.83	265	335
1943-44	2,546	1,249	2,474.18	1,216.49	2,295.41	1,135.55	288	311
1944-45	2,452	1,220	2,391.13	1,193.39	2,230.73	1,125.37	269	296
1945-46	2,532	1,223	2,447.29	1,175.46	2,287.43	1,106.65	261	325
1946-47	2,486	1,237	2,419.63	1,203.70	2,259.02	1,139.01	265	247
1947-48	2,485	1,159	2,419.45	1,133.40	2,265.17	1,070.04	283	257
1948-49	2,543	1,094	2,515.75	1,073.86	2,345.14	1,021.50	280	277
1949-50	2,646	1,051	2,500.00	1,037.06	2,427.84	983.04	260	294
1950-51	3,095	1,090	3,066.54	1,048.97	2,751.07	1,001.24	216	274
1951-52	3,200	1,078	3,095.24	1,047.14	2,824.01	985.65	233	271
1952-53	3,366	1,076	3,262.25	1,057.97	3,013.04	1,002.65	224	286
1953-54	3,517	1,154	3,473.74	1,117.91	3,216.28	1,089.08	263	292

Financial Summary - January 1, 1954 - December 31, 1954

	Requested By School Committee	Appropriated By Board of Aldermen	Plus or Minus Transfers and Credits	Net Appropriations	Expenditures	Balances
Salaries $	986,421.00	986,421.00	+ 1,500.00	987,921.00	987,616.69	304.31
Other General Expense	10,875.00	10,875.00		10,875.00	10,264.58	610.42
Textbooks & Supplies	62,440.00	57,040.00	+ 1,566.00	58,606.00	58,183.77	422.23
Plant Maintenance and Operation	134,540.00	134,540.00		134,540.00	134,229.15	310.85
Support of Athletics	13,000.00	13,000.00	+ 12,556.71	25,556.71	16,643.52	8,913.19
	1,207,276.00	1,201,876.00	15,622.71	1,217,498.71	1,206,937.71	10,561.00
Special Appropriations						
Out of State Travel	325.00	325.00	+ 150.00	475.00	340.23	134.77
Adult Education	6,455.00	6,455.00	+ 424.00	6,879.00	6,175.99	703.01
Interior Fire Alarm Systems	1,800.00	1,800.00		1,800.00		1,800.00
	8,580.00	8,580.00	574.00	9,154.00	6,516.22	2,637.78
Carried over from 1953						
Roosevelt School Equipment	12,081.70	12,081.70	1,769.10	13,850.80	13,850.80	
High School Lawn and Drain Repair	648.74	648.74		648.74	99.40	549.34
Horace Mann Baseball Diamond	2,000.00	2,000.00		2,000.00		2,000.00
High School Driveway	1,800.00	1,800.00		1,800.00		1,800.00
	16,530.44	16,530.44	1,769.10	18,299.54	13,950.20	4,349.34
GRAND TOTAL	1,232,386.44	1,226,986.44	17,965.81	1,244,952.25	1,227,404.13	17,548.12

Cost per Pupil, Average Membership, Fiscal Year 1954

		High	Elementary
General Control	$	6,595.07	19,785.19
General Control, per pupil		5.70	5.69
Teachers' Salaries		296,195.76	600,844.26
Teachers' Salaries, per pupil		256.22	172.66
Textbooks		5,067.69	8,254.60
Textbooks, per pupil		4.38	2.37
Supplies		15,430.92	29,430.56
Supplies, per pupil		13.35	8.46
Operation of School Plant		31,363.13	90,595.98
Operation of School Plant, per pupil		27.13	26.03
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds		11,356.59	53,534.39
Maintenance of Building and Grounds per pupil		9.83	15.38
New Furniture and Furnishings		472.64	11,090.78
New Furniture and Furnishings per pupil		.41	3.19
Other Expense		2,618.69	544.87
Other Expense, per pupil		2.26	.16
Tuition - Vocational and Evening Schools	$4,742.34		
Transportation	2,309.74		

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

GENERAL STATISTICS

Population of Melrose (January 1, 1954)	28,538
Number of different pupils enrollsed, exclusive of re-enrollment, school year 1953 - 1954	4,636
Number in High School	1,156
Number in Elementary Schools	3,480
Total approved school bills, fiscal year (Support)	$1,206,937.71
Amount expended for High School, fiscal year 1954 exclusive of General Control	353,011.06
Cost per pupil in High School, based upon average membership, Jan. 1, 1954 - Jan.1,1955 (1,156)	305.37
Amount expended for Elementary Schools, fiscal year 1954, exclusive of General Control	780,544.00
Cost per pupil in Elementary Schools, based upon average membership Jan. 1, 1954 - Jan. 1, 1955 (3,480)	224.29
Amount expended for tuition (Vocational Schools)	4,742.34
Number of full-time High School teachers, including Principal January 1, 1954	57
Number of full-time Elementary School teachers, including Principals, January 1, 1954	145

DENTAL REPORT OF HEALTH TEACHER

School Year 1953-1954

Number of individual inspections	2,212
Number of notices sent	986
Number of home visits	270
Number of visits to Forsyth Dental Infirmary	25
Number of restorations	900
Number of x-rays	150
Number of surgical cases	54
Number of children treated	207

INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOOL BUILDINGS
Melrose, Massachusetts

Name	When Built	Valuation
Whittier	1884	$ 36,880
Gooch	1886	121,880
Warren	1892	55,550
Franklin	1896	137,220
Lincoln	1896	365,550
Washington	1896	243,880
Coolidge	1897	609,550
Roosevelt	1924	480,770
Ripley	1924	148,000
Winthrop	1926	271,440
High	1933	1,319,220
Horace Mann	1950	403,000

REPORT OF THE SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the Honorable Board of Aldermen:

Gentlemen:

The report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year 1954 follows:

	Adjusted	Sealed	Condemned
Scales	11	167	3
Gasoline Pumps	6	68	
Oil Trucks	3	21	
Bulk Plant Meters		2	
	20	258	3
Trial Weighing and Measures Commodities sold and put up for sale		192	
Inspections: Fibre cartons, fuel meters, food in packages, peddlers and junk licenses		214	

Equipment:
In quantity and value, approximately the same as at the end of 1953

Cost of Department		Receipts of Department	
Salary	$1641.66	Sealing Fees	$242.85
Other Expenses	206.76	Licenses	10.00
	1848.42		$252.85

Respectfully submitted

Sealer. James J. Devlin

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS AND SERVICES

To the Honorable Mayor
and the Honorable Board of Aldermen,
Melrose, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

The work of the Department of Veterans' Benefits and Services has shown an increase of 37% during the year 1954 over 1953.

Following is a breakdown of the applications processed by this Department in 1954:

Held over from 1953	29	
New applications	41	
Re-applications	34	
Total applications processed in 1954		104

Disposition of applications:		
Terminated by death	3	
Transfer of settlement	2	
Unaided -- need not shown	8	
Non-Melrose settled	4	
Temporarily aided and suspended	47	64
Cases carried over into 1955		40

The Department of Veterans' Services has assisted a total of 217 Korean veterans in filing for the Massachusetts Korean Bonus. This service consists of typing applications, making photostatic copies of separation reports and mailing the originals with self-addressed envelopes to the Korean Bonus Commission.

This office has also mailed special form applications to many "career" service men, not yet discharged, who have become entitled to the bonus by reason of long-term enlistments.

Permanent, typed recordings of 114 military records have been made and filed.

Active files of men currently serving in the armed forces are maintained and kept up to date from information received from their families, newspaper items from the local press, etc.

Photostatic records of Melrose veterans on file now number 5746.

Over 800 photostatic copies of discharges, separation reports and other military papers have been made for Melrose veterans during 1954.

This Department has also assisted several other Departments of the City of Melrose in making photostatic copies of necessary documents from time to time.

Other services rendered consisted of finding apartments for veterans, suitable rooms for two veterans rooming out, and the expediting of G.I. Home Loans in several instances. Advice to veterans on questions of compensation, pensions, insurance, education, on the job training, and other benefits applicable under the Korean G.I. Bill continues to be part of the daily routine.

Many veterans of W.W. I, who have become eligible for Part III pension through age and disability have been aided in filing their claims and the Department has been instrumental in having this pension increased to include special care and attention when indicated by the degree of disability. Family morale has been helped by effecting the transfer of several veterans to Government hospitals nearer their homes.

The work of the Veterans' Benefits and Services Department is constantly increasing due to the number of veterans being discharged from the Korean service; the increasing number of dependents of veterans of WW. II who become eligible for benefits, and the advancing age with attendant ills and disabilities of W.W. I and Spanish War veterans.

H. Leslie Lindsey
Agent and Director
Veterans' Benefits and Services

Following is a financial report of the Department of Veterans' Benefits and Services for year ending December 31, 1954:

General Administration
Salaries and Wages

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 7,748.20	
Order #10934-A	87.20	
Expenditures:		
Agent's		$3,544.80
Clerks'		4,244.00
Balance		46.60
	$ 7,835.40	$7,835.40

General Administration
Other Expenses

Appropriation:		
Budget	1,000.00	
Expenditures:		
Bills paid		972.68
Balance		27.32
	$ 1,000.00	$1,000.00

Veterans' Benefits
(One-half of State Approvals to be refunded to City)

Appropriation:		
Budget	$30,000.00	
Additional appropriation Order #11162	6,000.00	
Additional appropriation Order #11212	1,000.00	
Refunds	189.50	
Expenditures:		
Cash (Treasurer's Pay Roll)		$37,002.48
Balance		187.02
	$37,189.50	$37,189.50

Veterans' Burials
(One-half of State approvals to be refunded to the City)

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 300.00	
Expenditures:		
Bills paid		$ 150.00
Balance		150.00
	$ 300.00	$ 300.00

Armed Force Records

Appropriation:		
Budget	$ 75.00	
Expenditures:		
Bills paid		$ 74.67
Balance		.33
	$ 75.00	$ 75.00

New Equipment

Appropriation		
Budget	$150.00	
Expenditures:		
Bills paid		$150.00
Balance		000.00
	$150.00	$150.00

H. Leslie Tuckey
Agent of Veterans' Benefits and
Director of Veterans' Services

REPORT OF THE WIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Mayor,
and Board of Alderman,
Melrose, Massachusetts,

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the following report of the Wire Department for the year 1954.

Inspection of Wires.

Nineteen hundred and twenty five inspections were made on new work.
Eight hundred and fifteen inspections were made on oil burner wiring.
Two hundred and sixty inspections were made on defects.
Three hundred and fifty permits were issued to the Suburban Electric Company allowing current to be turned on.

Fire Alarm System.

Nineteen hundred and twenty inspections of box movements were made.
Ten miles of weatherproof wire were pulled.
Two hundred and seventy five cross arms were installed.
All boxes were painted.

Police Signal System.

Four miles of iron weatherproof wire and three miles of copper weatherproof wire were pulled.
Three hundred feet of tree molding were installed.
Two hundred batteries were installed in police boxes.
All boxes were painted.
Seventy five red lamps were renewed.
Fifteen flood lights were renewed.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley A. Riggs

Acting Inspector of Wires.

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